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## 9 Injured When Trains Collide At Wortham Last Nite

## SWEETIN MURDER TRIAL ENDS - PEN SENTENCE

## Bandits Sack Two Texas Towns Today And Escape

### OIL SPECIAL AND SWITCH ENGINE CRASH IN YARDS

Nine persons were injured at Wortham late Tuesday when a passenger train, the "oil field special," collided with a heavy switch engine in the Wortham yards, the view of the engineers clouded by steam.

Engineer Leibetter of the passenger train sustained a broken leg and was taken to the Southern Pacific hospital at Ennis for treatment, while Mrs. Maude Vastine, proprietor of Maude's Barber shop, in the Pittman block, Mexia, was badly bruised and brought to the Brown Hospital, Mexia, for treatment, in a Riddell ambulance.

The accident happened at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday as the oil field special, bound from Mexia to Ennis, hit the switch engine head-on. The trains were moving comparatively slow, their view clouded by steam. A relief train was made up and the crippled passenger engine taken to the shops at Ennis.

The seven others injured were passengers of the train, said to be but slightly injured. After emergency treatment by physicians they were released.

### Associated Ad Club Meeting Interests Mexia Merchants

E. L. Crow, Secretary of the Mexia Retail Merchants Association, is interested in the world convention of the Associated Ad club of the world which is to be held in Houston in May of this next year. The meeting will afford a great opportunity for Mexia merchants to hear leading advertisers of the world discuss problems of general interest. It is a big convention for Texas and one that seldom meets in this part of the country. The Retail Merchants Association, Mexia Jobbers and Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce will likely wage a campaign here to secure a big delegation to attend the four days event.

### Strange Accident In Navy Ordered Probed at Once

(By United Press) HAMPTON ROADS, Va., Dec. 21.—The Navy Department today ordered a thorough inquiry to determine the cause the strange accident which resulted in swamping the naval ambulance plant at Norfolk, killing a patient and three of the crew. Two aboard were killed a whirling propeller.

### Albanian Capital Taken By Rebels

(By United Press) ROME, Dec. 21.—Tirana, capital of Albania, has fallen to the rebels and the government of Premier Fan Noli has fled, according to advices direct from that city.

Insurgents who supported the revolt under Ahmed Zogu, occupied Tirana, the messages said.

Messages from Tirana to London also reported the capture of the city by rebels, although the latest official word received at the British capital by the Albanian minister said that Tirana had not fallen and that 200 rebels had been killed in bloody fighting at the gates of the city.

Odds in the Albanian civil war have been going steadily against the Fan Noli government, which has repeatedly charged that Jugo Slavini is aiding the Zogulists.



A FRENCHMAN BUT HE IS A CHIEFTAIN of the Sioux Indian tribe. His name is Le Capitaine Le Poer. He was aide to Marshal Foch when Foch visited America last year. The Indian title and regalia were presented to him by the Sioux Indians during the marshal's tour. Foch also was made chieftain of the tribe.

### Klotz Engineering Company Prepares Complete Map of Wortham District Showing Area from Mexia to Currie

John Klotz and Fred Bennett, civil engineers of this city, have completed what is declared the best map that has yet been prepared of the Wortham oil field district. They began several weeks ago, even prior to the discovery of the first well by the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company, traversed every foot of several hundred blocks of acreage and from these surveys made on the ground prepared the map which is of the city of Wortham and adjacent leases. The map also shows the territory from the Mexia fishpond district on into Wortham and beyond

there to the Currie pool, a distance of about eight miles. The Wortham townsite as now mapped shows about 600 acres, divided up into many hundreds of separately listed pieces of property in the form of town lots. The map as a whole includes several thousand acres.

These maps are sold at the Klotz Hardware store, at the Majestic Drug Store and at the Hurstaston hotel.

Also a money order addressed to the Klotz Hardware Company of this city will secure one.

### FLYING POLICE GO TO SCENE NEAR OHIO TOWN

(By United Press)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 21.—A flying squad of police was sent along the road to New Castle, Pa., today following reports that Howard Preble had been robbed of money in an automobile with his wife and children. The robber held up Preble, who lives at New Castle, ordered him out of the car, leaping into the driver's seat and drove off with Mrs. Preble and four children.

### P. O. Case Aimed Against Publisher

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Postoffice Department case, it was ascertained, was aimed against publishers and Arthur J. Baldwin, president of the National Publishers Association, was charged today during the hearing on the Sterling postal rate increase bill by the Senate Postoffice Committee. Baldwin demanded that the hearing be postponed until the publishers had an opportunity to adequately present their case.

WESTERN UNION SENDS MANY CHRISTMAS WORDS OF JOY TO LOVED ONES

Western Union offices here are doing a rushing business today, with many Christmas messages going to loved ones and friends. The big force is busy taking care of the rush. It is the plan of the offices everywhere to observe Sunday hours on Christmas day and the cooperation of the public to this end will be deeply appreciated.

### PASSENGER AIR PLANE BURSTS INTO DEADLY FLAMES

(By United Press)

CROYDON, England, Dec. 24.—Eight were killed at the Croydon Aerodrome today when the London-Paris passenger airplane burst into flames and crashed to the ground. The airplane had just started for Paris and fell at Haling Downs. Rescuers rushed to the scene in automobiles. A passenger was burned to death before aid arrived.

### France Wants To Delay Evacuation Until January 10

(By United Press)

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French cabinet announced today that it would be impossible for the allies to evacuate Cologne before January 10th. This confirms information it is learned that Germany will be informed of the allies intentions after a meeting of the council of ambassadors. The treaty of Versailles called for evacuation of the first zone occupied in Germany, embracing Cologne, five years after the pact is effective. British troops are due to leave January 10. The British action follows a report that the interallied commission of Germany failed to meet the requirements of the treaty.

### FIRE ZONE PRESCRIBED FOR SHOOTING FIREWORKS

During the Christmas season, the public is especially urged to take every precaution against fires. The city has an ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fireworks in the downtown area and this ordinance will be rigidly enforced as a necessity to reduce fire hazards.

### PARADISE AND BRITTEN ARE LOOTED BY BURGLARS

(By United Press)

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 24.—Bandits sacked the towns of Britten, Ellis county, and Paradise, Wise county, early today, obtaining loot valued at thousands of dollars. There were two bandits.

Twelve stores, the postoffice and railroad station were looted at Paradise, a town of 1500 population.

At Britton, a town of 600, the bandits robbed the postoffice one bank and the railroad station.

The bandits worked with precision and extreme quiet. None of the citizens of either town were aroused. One gang perpetrated both robberies, police believe.

Details of sheriffs deputies and detectives are enroute to Paradise and Britton from Dallas and Fort Worth.

Safes were knocked open with sledge hammers. The safe at the Britton station was carted into the street where it was discovered.

The First National Bank and Peoples Bank at Paradise were entered, loss not determined. The "loss" of the First State Bank at Britton undetermined until the safe is opened. It contained \$25,000 but the bandits broke the combination and prevented the officials from entering it.

Most of the safes contained Tuesday's Christmas receipts.

Apparently the bandit gang was composed of one gang, which split in two sections, one going to Paradise and the other to Britton.

Wholesale looting started about midnight, police believe.

The number of safes opened and buildings entered led police to believe that at least twenty men composed the gang.

The citizens of both towns massed on the public squares and hastily formed posses and started on blind trails after the bandits, which will lead to Dallas and Fort Worth, it is believed.

The robbers are believed to be a sequel to the looting and firing of the town of Valley View Monday.

The name of Otto Starr, alleged notorious bandit, has been injected in the hunt.

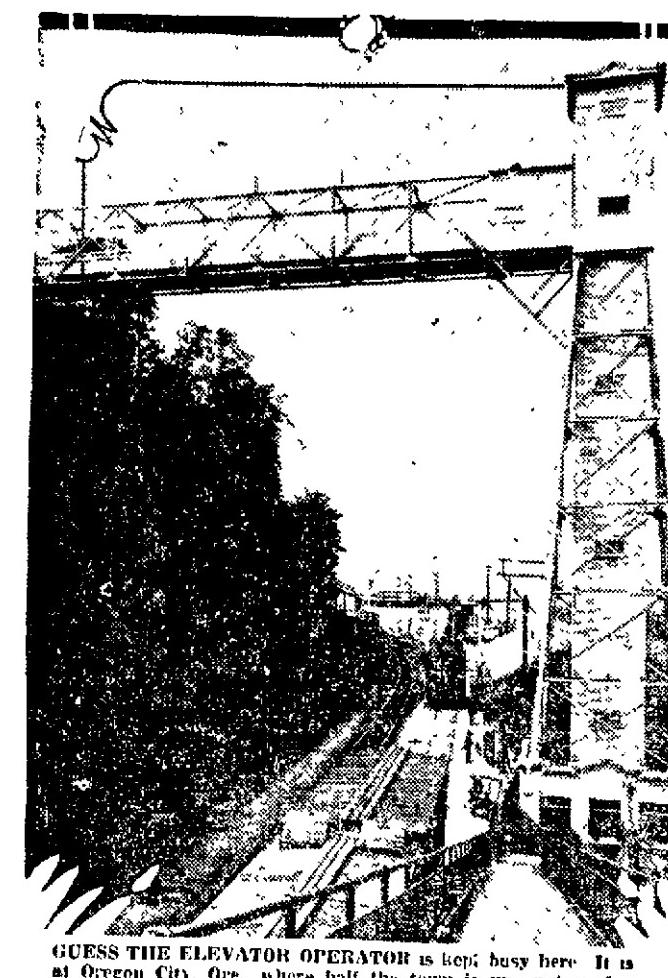
### MEXIA ELKS TO INITIATE 100 NEW ELKS SOON

According to information coming from the Mexia Elks' Club plans have been completed whereby a class of one hundred or more candidates will be initiated sometime in January and at which time the Elks will stage their usual jollification stunts for which they are famous. Secretary Charles Clover reports business booming at the Club and at one time since the recent oil boom began the register at the Club showed that there were visiting Elks from every state in the union excepting four. The Elks have postponed their Christmas dance but will hold their annual New Year's Eve ball Dec. 31, and all Elks are requested to get in touch with the secretary regarding the affair.

### Lone Bandit Kills New Orleans Police

(By United Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—A lone bandit shot and killed Patrolman Jacob Uhle today after robbing the Marine Bank and Trust company of \$13,000. Uhle challenged the bandit and was shot through the head. The bandit then leaped into a passing truck and escaped.



GUESS THE ELEVATOR OPERATOR is kept busy here. It is at Oregon City, Ore., where half the town is up on top of a cliff and the other half below. The city built the elevator so folk would not have to climb the stairways up the wall. The lift is 90 feet high from the railroad tracks.

### THREE INJURED WHEN BOILER AT WORTHAM BLOWS UP

Three men were injured at 4 a.m. Wednesday when a boiler on a Rio Bravo Oil company rig at Wortham exploded, Owen Warren, assistant fireman, was severely burned and two others sustained minor injuries.

The three men were rushed to the Wortham emergency hospital, where Warren will be confined for several weeks, and his companions for the remainder of the week.

The case was given to the jury yesterday after three weeks were consumed in trial. Two jurors became seriously ill and at 9:30 o'clock last night the court ordered them discharged.

### Post Office Patron Has Handbag Stolen From Her in Office

A lady while in the Post Office today thought she passed her pocket book to her daughter. The crowds were thick in the office at the time. Someone else grabbed the handbag, went out with it and is probably now spending the money. The bag contained \$500.00 and a check, as well as other articles.

This unfortunate incident was no doubt due to the deplorable postoffice building facilities in Mexia. Had the post office been what it should be as to facilities to meet crying public needs, the congestion would have been lessened and this lady and her family would be far better off.

### Two Men Held As Lost Cars Found

Two men giving their names as C. Kinsdan and Curley Dunbaum are in the city jail at Mexia, following their arrest by Deputy Sheriff Gene Lamb on the Wortham road early Wednesday.

Four automobiles, three of them in Wortham and one in Corsicana, are held by the authorities as stolen property as a result of efforts of the authorities of Freestone and Limestone counties to stop the traffic in stolen cars to this district.

The two men are held for Freestone county authorities, where they are to be taken to face charges against them.

Officers declare that the cars were brought to Wortham from Dallas and Fort Worth.

### DELAY EXPECTED IN CASE BEING CONDUCTED AT AMARILLO

(By United Press)

AMARILLO, Texas, Possibility of a long delay in completion of the trial of Former District Attorney E. T. Miller and Mrs. Ruth Hobart, charged with killing the latter's husband loomed today following discharge of the jury because of illness of two jurors.

The case was given to the jury yesterday after three weeks were consumed in trial. Two jurors became seriously ill and at 9:30 o'clock last night the court ordered them discharged.

### Business Houses Do Biggest Day's Business of Record

Local merchants report the biggest Christmas business in the history of Mexia. Despite the rain which slowly fell all day Tuesday, the business houses were thronged with Christmas shoppers. They found well stocked houses and prices reasonable, enhancing their purchases and the volume of business done.

Wednesday, with its cold snap and real Christmas weather found the crowds greater than ever and the indications now are that by the time the business houses close to night, they will have checked up the biggest days run they have ever enjoyed.

### Stores To Close On Christmas Day

All merchants of Mexia, save filling stations and a few neighborhood stores and cafes, will close their doors Christmas day to allow employees the enjoyment of the holiday at home.

Practically all of the meat markets grocery stores as well as other establishments, will be closed, some of which keep open for two hours on Sunday closing for the day.

Filling stations will remain open generally, to supply the unusually large number of automobiles and trucks with gasoline and oil.

### FORMER PASTOR GIVEN LIFE AND WOMAN 35 YEARS

(By United Press) MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 21.—Lawrence M. Hight, former Methodist pastor, must serve a life sentence in the Illinois penitentiary, and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin 35 years for the murder of Alfred Sweetin, Mrs. Sweetin's husband. The jury brought in a verdict with the foregoing sentence this morning.

The former pastor and erstwhile jockey was much moved as the final chapters of the trial came to a close. He was nervous and fidgeted in his chair. He eyed each of the jurors as they left their places in the jury box.

Hight's two daughters sat by his side and sobbed softly as the jury left the room.

Mrs. Sweetin was composed. She held a handkerchief in her hand but at no time did she break down. She watched the jury in a calm fashion and seemed to pay no attention to the nervous and excited spectators—most of them her friends—who had crowded into the court room.

Judge J. C. Kern, in instructing the jury pointed out there were several punishments which could be meted out to the pair if found guilty.

1—death on the gallows.

2—life imprisonment.

3—prison sentence of not less than 14 years.

4—acquittal for one and guilt for the other.

### Text Book Board Meets Saturday To Settle Texts

(By United Press)

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 24.—The state text book commission will resume its attempt Saturday to secure adoption of the text book program provided in contracts awarded here last week.

The commission adjourned late yesterday after Attorney General Keeling indicated his opinion upon the legality of the program was not ready for submission.

Keeling told the commission that the scope of the program was of such importance that it could not be rushed.

None of the contracts awarded by the commission have been approved for signatures.

### Exhaustive Probe Under Way As to Millionaire Orph'n

With 300 long distance calls incomplete at one time Wednesday the Mexia long distance telephone office was experiencing one of the busiest days it has ever seen, due to increased traffic and broken down wire service to distant points.

No calls could be put through to points beyond Dallas and Fort Worth while Houston was entirely cut off so far as telephone service was concerned.

While the entire field forces of the telephone companies are working as fast as possible to renew the service broken down by weather conditions, the calls taken by the long distance lines are subject to indefinite delay.

Hundreds of men working in this district are trying to call their homes to wish relatives a "merry Christmas" and trying to last minute business calls are also pouring in.

"We are doing the very best we can to get the calls through," the telephone office reported, "but the congestion is getting worst and worse all the time."

THE WEATHER

Texas—Clear and colder.

## Calls Piling Up As Long Distance Wires Break Down

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—An exhaustive investigation was under way here today into the death of William N. McClintock, "the millionaire orphan," who died while his sweetheart waited at the door with a marriage license. The body has been exhumed and probably will be in the hands of doctors and chemists later today.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, Chief Justice Harry Olson of the Municipal court and Coroner Oscar Wolff, are directing the investigation being made as the result of requests from numerous sources to determine the cause leading up to the death.

"Billy" McClintock died on Dec. 4, from typhoid, according to the announcement. Miss Isabelle Pope, 19, childhood sweetheart of "Billy," and a minister waited at the youth's door to go through the marriage ceremony, but death prevented.

Crowe wants to question Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sheppard, foster parents of "Billy" to whom the fortune of \$20,000,000 was left in a will prepared by the youth when he came of age, a few months ago. The Sheppards are from Salina, Kans., and now are visiting in Albuquerque, N. M., to recuperate from the shock of their ward's death, according to a servant at their home here.

Two assistant prosecutors visited the Sheppard home last night and made examination of servants. A file of all the medical prescriptions prepared for McClintock during his several weeks' illness was ordered brought to Crowe's office.

Dr. Rufus Stolp, the attending physician during "Billy's" last and fatal illness, issued a statement on the death as follows:

"To every appearance the death of William McClintock was due to a severe case of hemorhagic typhoid. The illness was diagnosed by Dr. James B. Herrick and myself. McClintock had eaten oysters and we believed that it was in this manner he had contracted the disease. His death occurred as we figured, on the sixteenth day after the infection."

Justice Olson is one of the leading spirits in the investigation. For many years he was an intimate of the McClintock family and when the boy's mother died Olson promised to take an active interest in the orphan. The Justice's brother, a physician, at the request of the mother, also acted as Billy's physician up to about four years ago when the doctor died. Justice Olson said he felt the remains of the mother also should be exhumed and examined. Olson gave no reason for this, simply stating he felt a thorough examination should be made along the line. Coroner Wolff is making inquiries.

Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, the mother, died in 1909.

The Sheppards joined the McClintocks

## SAVING MONEY AS VITAL TO SUCCESS AS EARNING IT

By S. W. STRAUS  
President, American Society for Thrift

No matter how shrewd a man may be or how keenly developed his instincts for acquiring wealth, he will never be successful unless an element of thrift is woven into all his activities.

The so-called plunger — the meteoric financier — may at times seem able to defy prudent practices and the principles of thrift. However, such success is seldom permanent. Wealth gained by a sort of lager-dam rather than through the working out of sound business practices nearly always proves transitory.

Lack of thrift has caused more financial failures than anything else. How many men there are today who might have become wealthy had they only known how to save money! During the course of their careers they have earned large sums, but these have slipped through their fingers from day to day. They had the natural gift of making money, just as their successful rivals, but they lacked the quality of permanent success—which is thrift.

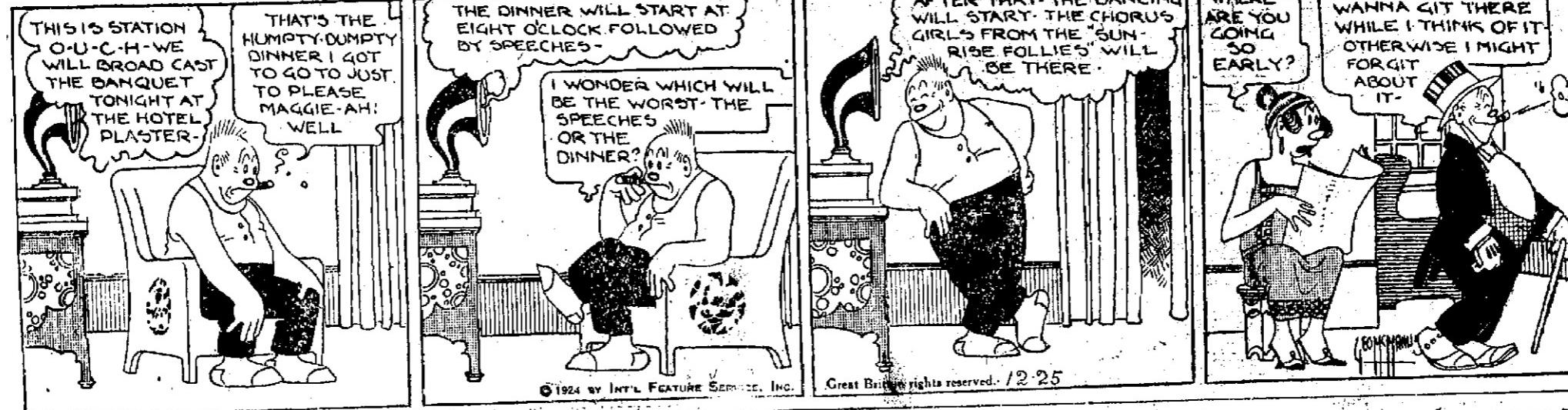
The majority of men who have built up great fortunes, though they have in many instances risen rapidly, owe their success primarily to thrift. It was this that gave them the start they needed, and it was the development of this characteristic that imparted the combination of courage and cautious judgment without which there can be no substantial success in money matters.

Although the ability to make money is to a considerable extent, a matter of natural aptitude, the still more important accomplishment of thrift can be acquired by anyone. There is no excuse for not saving money.

Thriftlessness is an indication of weakness. It is indecision of character.

Thrift requires steadfastness and the marshaling of the last ounce of moral strength that we possess. But it does not require any special genius or brilliant gift of mind.

## BRINGING UP FATHER



## CHIEF FIGURES IN NEWS SPOTLIGHT



Howard Carter, co-discoverer with the Earl of Carnarvon of the tomb of King Tut-Ankh-Amen in the Valley of the Kings, Egypt, is planning to re-open the tomb and take out the remainder of its treasures. Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress, so often reported engaged to Jack Dempsey, will soon receive a Philadelphia divorce from Kenneth M. Peacock, and her marriage to Dempsey is expected to follow shortly. Pauline Frederick, celebrated actress, has filed suit in Los Angeles against her third husband, Dr. Charles Rutherford, of New York, formerly of Seattle, Wash., charging desertion. She divorced both her previous husbands, Frank M. Andrews, architect, and Willard Mack, playwright.

Took home early in the life of Billy, acting as supervisor of the place. In 1909, Mrs. McClintock, Billy and the Sheppards went to Texas on a visit. Mrs. McClintock became ill and was sent home here, dying several days later. The Sheppards then became guardians of Billy and have acted in that capacity ever since.

Billy was a sickly child, but seemed to gain strength with age, and was thought in robust health when he was taken ill. He attended Dartmouth and was taken ill while East at one of the football games.

Miss Pope, who lives in the exclusive Evanston, Chicago suburb, is a former co-ed of Northwestern university. The will provides that she shall receive a return of \$8,000 a

year.

The will is to be probated within a few weeks. Several cousins of Billy residing in Iowa, retained attorneys to examine the will. This was the first move along the lines of an inquiry.

Coroner Wolff said:

"I received several letters and telephone calls which advised that I start a investigation. One of my advisers is a lawyer of prominence in this city. He urged that the body of McClintock be exhumed and subjected to examination."

It was revealed that shortly before McClintock died he took out \$100,000 life insurance with the Equitable Life Insurance company of New York. The insurance was payable to the estate. It was made

known that payment is being held up pending investigation.

## Two Die When Laundry Caves In at Wichita

[By United Press]

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, Dec. 24. A coroner's inquest was held today into the death of two men killed late yesterday when a pit back of a laundry here caved in. A third man was perhaps fatally injured.

The dead:

Ed Gilliland, 38.

Thomas Morley, Chicago.

Physicians today held little hope for recovery of W. P. Bandon, 27, a helper.

The men were lining the pit with brick when the walls collapsed.

Gilliland and Morley were buried under four feet of earth and brick. Efforts to resuscitate them with pul-motors were unavailing.

## New Bloc Formed In Congress

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A new electric power "bloc" with visions of the day when the United States will be supplied with Government electricity for operating all its factories, railroads and home utilities has been formed in Congress.

Ultimately its members hope to have a web of Government electric lines that will reach into every city and town in the country. The use of coal would be supplanted by electricity from rushing streams, harnessed by Federal funds.

Just now they want to put thru this session of Congress the Norris bill for the Government operation of Muscle Shoals, the Big Boulder canyon project in Arizona and the Great Falls power project on the Potomac.

These three projects form the basis of the movement. If they can be adopted, twenty states will be supplied with Government power. Muscle Shoals will spread its electrical tentacles through Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida and perhaps St. Louis. The Boulder canyon project would benefit California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah Colorado and perhaps Western Texas. Great Falls would supply Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and even some of West Virginia.

## DEAR SANTA.

I shore would like to have that new ribbon for my "Ford" typewriter.

Known that payment is being held up pending investigation.

er, 'cause this one I have been using for several months is all "busted up."

## THE MAJOR.

Dear Santa Claus:

I thought I would drop you a line to tell you what I want. I would like to have a little truck that has rubber wheels and a bumper. A pump Daisy air rifle, also some nuts, candy, and fruit.

Don't forget the other children who have no father and mother.

Your friend,  
ROY LEWIS ROLLINS.

## Freezing Weather Again Hits City

Freezing weather struck Mexia Tuesday night and Wednesday morning when the mercury dropped to 27 degrees and remained at this point until after 8 a. m. Wednesday.

according to Miss Josephine Newmann, official weather observer.

The coldest point reached during the winter was last Friday night, the second night of the cold spell, when the thermometer of the official observer showed 15 degrees.

The highest point Tuesday was 42 degrees.

Miss Jewell Bryan of Dallas is the holiday visitor of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Webb.

## For Your Range or Heater

When selecting a coal for use in your furnace or heater, your best and most economical choice will be

## McALISTER COAL

the coal of universal service. It's as well known in the homes of Mexia as in the big industrial plants where it is specified because of its heating capacity and economy. Phone 61. Your order will be delivered promptly.

## PHILLIPS ICE & COAL CO.

PHONE 61 TODAY.

## YOU DON'T HAVE TO MOVE WHEN YOU OWN YOUR OWN HOME

7 ROOM FURNISHED HOUSE—large 6 car garage, double servant's house; 100 ft. front on Sumpter Street; for cash sale.

62½x115 ft. lot with 6 room furnished house, close in on pavement on McKinney St.

6 ROOM HOUSE on Sherman St., two blocks from town. Very low price.

5 ROOM HOUSE, East Carthage Street, on pavement.

DUPLEX APARTMENT, furnished, Rusk and Canton Streets.

TWO LOTS between Dollarhide-Stephens and Riddle's Undertaking Co.

BRICK BUILDING on Main Street.

BRAND NEW HOME on Ross Avenue. Lot 52½x136 ft., six rooms, bath and all modern conveniences; double garage, concrete driveway, on pavement.

6 ROOM HOUSE, one block East of Ross Avenue.

65 ACRES adjoining Mexia, on the North on Mexia-Wortham Pike.

100 FT. FRONT on southeast Ross Avenue, Ross and Main.

50 FT. FRONTING on the Northeast corner of Ross and Commerce.

ARDMORE HOTEL, completely furnished.

60 ACRES, three miles East of Mexia, on Teague pike, well improved.

DRESSER APARTMENTS.

4 RESIDENCE LOTS on Main Street.

2 BUSINESS LOTS on Main Street.

17 LOTS on Belknap Street.

23 LOTS adjoining Cotton Mill.

WILL RENT Tailor Shop cheap. Well located.

2 LOTS on Sumpter Street, east of Ben Jackson home on paved street. Price \$2500.00.

SEVEN ROOM HOUSE completely furnished, on paved street. Garage and servants room. Price \$6,250.00.

Will buy J. K. Hughes, E. L. Smith and Boyd Oil Company Stocks.

Furnished offices for rent.

## JESSE McLENDON

PHONE 1.

## The King Hotel

38 ROOMS

ALL STEAM HEATED

15 Minute Ride to the Mexia-Wortham Oil Field

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1924.

## THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS

**Around The World  
Around The Clock**

(By United Press)

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 24.—C. P. Oliver, 41, proprietor of the Como Hotel here, was found dead in his room last night, a bullet wound through his head. A pistol lay nearby.

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus and the holiday season unofficially took charge of the capitol today. Many of the offices were depleted by departure of holiday vacationists.

Pay warrants were distributed at the close of business yesterday.

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—W. A. Keeling, retiring attorney General of Texas, will open a private law office here when he leaves office Jan. 1. He will have no partner, he said today.

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Ivan Pontonoff, Russian grappler, won over Ernest Glover, Dallas light heavyweight, on technical default here last night. Glover was injured and unable to finish the match.

DALLAS.—Y. M. A. H. beat the Texas Longhorns 13 to 14, here last night.

KANSAS CITY.—With four and a half inches of snow already on the ground and a forecast of more, Kansas City was assured of a white Christmas today.

The temperature here was five degrees above zero at six o'clock this morning and was rising slowly during the forenoon. Train and wire service had not been materially affected by the storm.

AUSTIN.—No additional charters authorizing state guaranty banks to change from the guaranty plan to that of bond banks will be issued by the present state banking board, it was indicated here today.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—No decision was announced by the Senate committee investigating the charges of fraud in the election of Mayfield on continuing the hearings. E. W. Zumbroff, chief Mayfield counsel, asked the committee to postpone a decision until he could file an answer to the brief submitted by Luther Nickels' counsel for Peden.

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—A young Parisian woman, an artist, recently sculpted a likeness of Trotsky, drawing the model from her imagination. A photograph of the work of art, transmitted to Moscow through the artist's communist friends, failed to reach the Soviet Commissar for War. It has been disclosed that the reason for intercepting it was that the photography was addressed to "His Excellency, Mr. Trotsky."

## FOOTBALL

Completion of the holiday schedule for the University of Texas basket ball team to train in Dallas from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, was effected Wednesday when a game was arranged for the Longhorns with an



GIVING YOU A PEEP at one of the many beautiful waterfalls in the American Legion's national playground near Westcliffe, Colo. The spot is in the San Isabel National Forest. This territory is considered the highest, most precipitous and most ruggedly magnificent range of mountains in the country.

wart brings to Dallas the making of a star club. From last year's five, there are Captain Settegast, Foster, Esquivel and Nation and Schubardt is a veteran star back after a year's absence. Stewart Wright, Stalter and Eason are new additions to the team.

The Longhorn coach expects to have eleven or twelve men in his squad this year.

COLD WAVE PREVENTS  
WELLS COMING IN

Strube and Strube are expected to

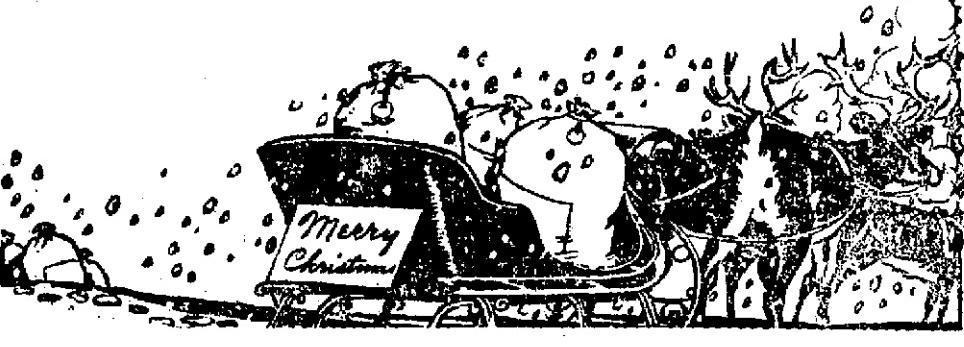
bring in another gusher in the Wortham field within the next few hours. Several other wells are also now drilling in. Not a great many completions are now expected this week on account of the freeze up of today.



In wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year may we express the hope that we will continue to merit your confidence and good will.

**Prendergast-Smith Nat'l Bank**

Since 1882—The Old Reliable

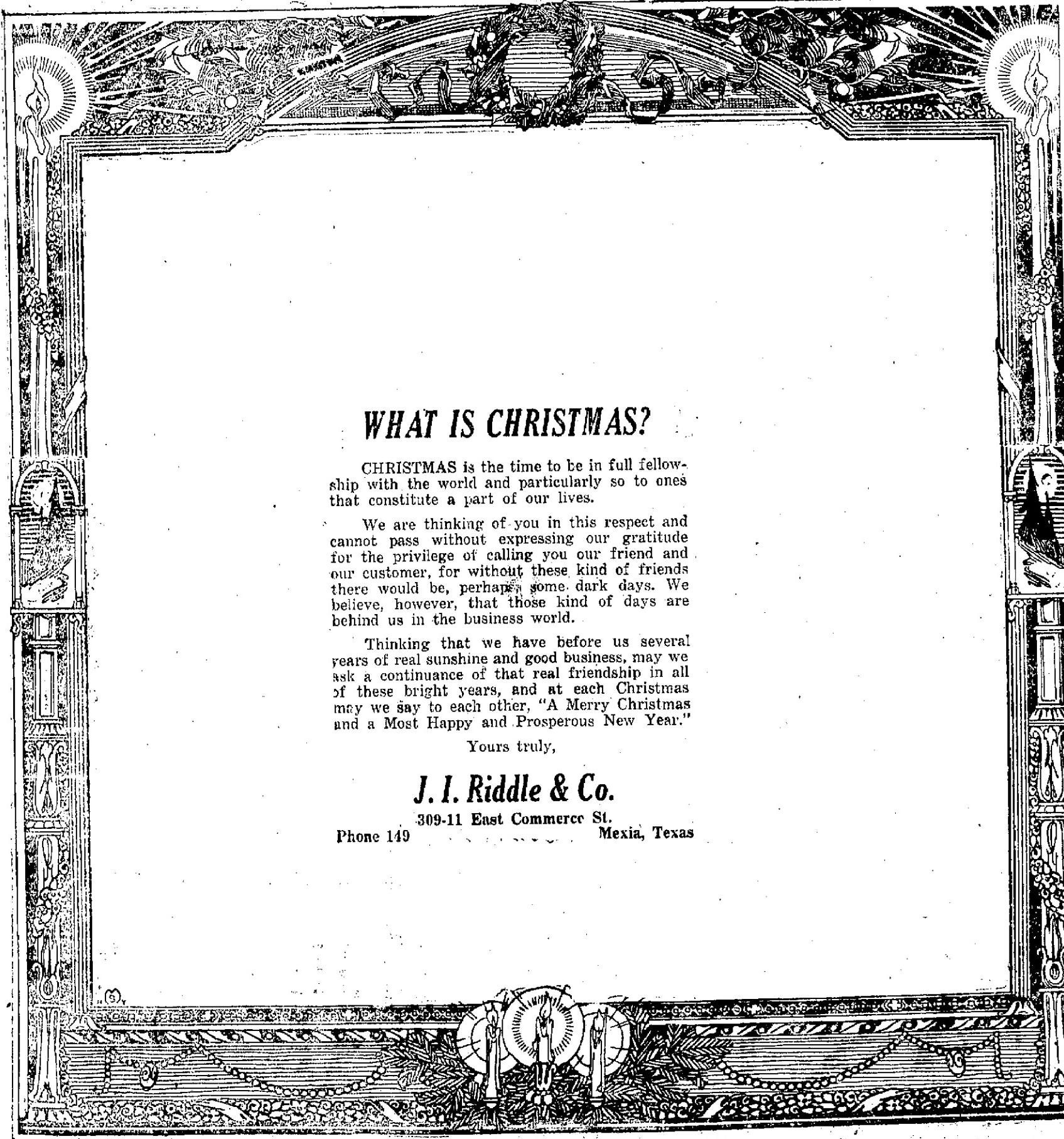


all-star team in Fort Worth on the night of Dec. 26.

Here is the complete North Texas card of the Orange five, which arrives in Dallas on the morning of Dec. 23 to remain at Dallas University throughout the stay: Dec. 23, Y. M. H. A. at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 24, Boethians at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 25, Boethians at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 26, All Stars at Fort Worth; Dec. 27, Stickle at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 28, Stickle at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 30, Y. M. H. A. at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 31, Stickle at Live Stock Arena; Jan. 1, Texas All Stars at Live Stock Arena.

The game in Fort Worth will be handled by Bob Stow, recreational director for the city, and George Hill, manager of the University Club, former Longhorn star. Hill will probably play with the All Stars, who meet Texas here New Year's night also, other opponents of the Orange quint being in a probability Jon Ward, Bobby Robertson, Abe Curtis and Adolphine Ragland of the 1924 conference champions; and Joe King, Ox Higgins and John Estes of this year Texas freshmen.

In spite of the fact that the Longhorns lost Robertson, Ponsford Curtis, Ward and Ragland from the undefeated team of last season, Sta-

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at Mexia, Texas, under the act of March 3, 1879.**"For Mexia, I WILL"**

## REMEMBER THE BRUTE CREATION.

On the first night of Christ's life, God honored the brute creation. You cannot get into the Bethlehem barn without going past the camels, the mules, the dogs, the oxen. The brutes of that stable heard the first cry of the infant Lord. Some of the old painters represent the oxen and camels kneeling that night before the new-born Babe. And well might they kneel. Have you ever thought that Christ came, among other things, to alleviate the suffering of the brute creation? Was it not appropriate that He should, during the first few days and nights of His life on earth, be surrounded by the dumb beasts, whose moan and plaint and bellowing have for ages been a prayer to God for the alleviating of their tortures and the righting of their wrongs? If not merely "happened so" that the unintelligent creature of God should have been that night in close neighborhood, not a found in all the centuries, not a bird's nest, not a worm's home on towpath, not a herd freezing in the poorly-built enclosure, not a freight car in summer time bringing the cattle to market without water through a thousand miles of arid desert, or son's room witness to the struggles of fox, or rabbit, or squirrel, or dog in the horrors of vivisection, but has an interest in the fact that Christ was born in a stable surrounded by brutes. He remembers that night, and the prayer he heard in that pitiful moan. He will answer in the punishment of those who maltreat the dumb brutes—Talmadge.

## TOLSTOY'S MESSAGE TO FELLOW MASON

Count Leo Tolstoy was an ardent Freemason, and, as is well known, an ardent lover of freedom in the widest sense of the term said Uncle Wright in the Christian Science Monitor. At the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire, England, Companion Haley quoted the following message from him to the Craft:

"In our temples we recognize no other degrees than those which a man to virtue from wrong-doing. Take care not to make distinctions that may tend to destroy equality. Fly to the aid of a brother, no matter who he may be; reclaim the wandering; raise the fallen; and never cherish anger or enmity against a brother. Kindle in all hearts the fire of virtue. Do acts of kindness to thy neighbor, and never allow thyself to envy the happiness of another. Forgive thine enemy, and avenge not thyself upon him, except by doing good. Having thus fulfilled the highest law, thou wilt discover traces of thy primal and lost greatness."

## THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS SIGNIFICANT

(Scottish Rite Mason)

A larger percentage of parents are making sacrifices so that their children may enjoy the benefits of a more complete education than ever before. In 1870 six children

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of every ten from 5 to 18 years of age were enrolled in a public school. In 1922 eight out of every ten children from 5 to 18 attended a public school, says the Los Angeles Times.

Not only are more children enrolled, but more of those enrolled are attending regularly. In 1870 all public elementary and secondary schools provided 530,503,423 days of schooling. In 1922 they provided 3,022,882,932 days of schooling. If the general population of the United States had increased as rapidly as school attendance between 1870 and 1922 we would have 210,227,633 people in the United States at the present time.

Part of the increase in school attendance is due to the enactment and better enforcement of compulsory attendance laws. But these laws are but the reflection of a public confidence. In fact, it is in the high schools, where attendance generally is not compulsory, that the increase has been most rapid.

In 1920 there were more children enrolled in the public schools of New York State than in all public high schools in the nation in 1890. In 1920 each of the five States (California, Illinois, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania) had more children enrolled in public high schools than were found in all the public high schools of the nation in 1880. The statistics in this editorial are taken from reports of the United States Bureau of Education.

The growth in public-school enrollment is a clear indication of a growing realization of the value of the service rendered by the public school both to the individual and to the nation.

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**A JOYOUS YULETIDE**

By JAMES BLAIR HARRIS. With each recurring Holiday season comes anew the realization of the splendid significance of that event nearly a score of centuries ago, enacted in Bethlehem's lowly manger, in which our Blessed Lord was born—God's glorious son incarnate in the flesh!

On His toilsome journey from this seltsame manger to the sacrificial Cross, the Babe of Bethlehem blossomed into the matchless man of sorrows, learned humanity's woes and became acquainted with our inevitable griefs.

Whether in the primeval wilderness with its seductive temptations, teaching along the shores of Lake Galilee or cleansing the Temple of His Father from the presence of its desecrators, Jesus was our example of unblemished life, moral rectitude and age-surpassing sacrifice. So in the midst of our joyous Yuletide—while giving gifts to those we love—let us prayerfully pause to pay merited tribute to our Blessed Savior, the Author of our Christian civilization, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, and Giver of every good and perfect gift.

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yours, and may the glad occasion make vibrant in the hearts of us all that crowning theme of all the ages, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Miss Consuelo Cogdell is here from Dallas visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cogdell.

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# S. A. Christmas Tree Will Be Given Thursday Night

## UNKNOWN FRIEND DROPS \$100.00 IN CHRISTMAS KETTLE

Some generous hearted, unknown, unnamed but not unsung good Samaritan passing by the Salvation Army pots late Tuesday was reminded that this is a season of "Peace On Earth Good Will to All Men" and he determined to help scatter the spirit of joy in child life in this community. He or she, whoever it was, dropped a \$100 bill in the pot and quietly went on about the work of the day.

This greatly augmented the Christmas fund, Envoy Hamilton stated this afternoon and he expressed on behalf of the corps here the deep appreciation of the gift as well as to those who are contributing to the fund. The kettles will remain out all day Christmas and will be open to anyone wanting a part in spreading Christmas cheer.

It is the hope of the Salvation Army corps, said President Jessie McLendon today, that there will not be a home in this community that will not feel the warmth and the presence of Santa Claus. Everything is being done to see that there is not a cheerless home, not a forgotten boy or girl, as Santa passes this way. It is a cause that finds a response in many a heart and the pennies, dimes, dollars, bills and coins left in the pot will be used to spread joy among the children of men.

Through the arrangement made by J. K. Hughes, homes needing coal may secure enough to tide them through this cold spell by calling at the coal yard. His generous deed is meeting with commendation and praise, by every citizen. He has done much to alleviate suffering.

The Christmas tree will be given at the Central Presbyterian church Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock. The Salvation Army is hopeful of making it the brightest single event in the lives of the children who might otherwise be forgotten. They are cordially invited to be present. A gift will be there for them. The boy or girl especially whom Santa has not visited earlier in the day should by all means be there, as there will be a gift for them on the tree.

Families deserving the Christmas dinner baskets to be distributed by the Salvation Army are urged to see Envoy Hamilton at headquarters at the Northeast corner of Canton and Hopkins street, phone someone there or see someone at the service on the street at night or at the pots.

## TWO TEXAS BOYS WIN HIGH HONORS

(Nashville Tennessean)

All-Southern Scholastic Elevens  
(No distinction between 2 squads).  
Day—End; Roanoke, Hi., Roanoke,  
Va.

Stone—End; Phillips, Hi., Birmingham,  
Ala.

Schwartz (Capt.)—Center; Charlotte,  
N. C.

Tsatsopoulos—Tackle; Savannah Hi.,  
Savannah, Ga.

Graham—Tackle; Meridian Hi., Mc-  
Raven, Miss.

Auderson—Guard; Maury Hi., Nor-  
folk, Va.

Stone—Guard; DuPont Manual,  
Lexington, Ky.

Hardin—Quarter; Montgomery,  
Bell, Nashville, Tenn.

Bell—Halfback; Columbia Hi., Col-  
umbia, S. C.

Brown—Halfback; Cisco Hi., Cisco,  
Texas.

Lovry—Fullback; Enslay Hi., Bir-  
mingham, Ala.

Team No. 2

Dubose—End; Lanier Hi., Macon,  
Ga.

Moore—End; Laurel Hi., Laurel,  
Miss.

Houser—Center; Duval Hi., Jack-  
sonville, Fla.

Edinger—Tackle; Gaffney Hi., Gaff-  
ney, S. C.

Galle—Tackle; Warren Stone, New  
Orleans, La.

McArthur—Guard; Benumont Hi.,  
Benumont, Texas.

Brettow—Guard; Castle Heights,  
Lafayette, Tenn.

Powery—Quarter; Rockingham Hi.,  
Rockingham, N. C.

Norman—Halfback; Male Hi., Louis-  
ville, Ky.

Opey—Halfback; Warren Easton,  
New Orleans, La.

Pagle (Capt.)—Fullback; Summer-  
lin Instl., Bartow, Fla.

Honorable Mention

Harley, guard, Columbia, S. C.;  
Van Sickle, end, Gainesville, Fla., Hi.

Capps, halfback, Florence, S. C., Hi.

Hughes, end, Summerlin Institute,  
Bartow, Fla.

By John "Red" Davis  
(Sports Editor, The News)

DELAND, Fla., Dec. 23.—The 3rd annual All-Southern scholastic selec-  
tions, as compiled by the Sports  
Editor of The Veland, Fla., News,



IF THIS TICKET represented mileage in proportion to its size it would carry Miss Ruth Lomax, Ogden, Utah, all the way across the country. She would have to check it as baggage. However, this ticket is a silver reproduction of the first ticket sold in celebration of Ogden's new union station

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nean.

Schwartz, of Charlotte High, N. C., has been selected captain of the mythical eleven, due to his making the All-Southern two years in succession. Throughout North Carolina, the "Fighting Hebrew," as the brilliant Charlotte center is widely known, the opposition has faced the most brilliant linesman seen in the Carolinas in years.

The two elevens rate on equal basis, this being made possible on account of no critic or coach wishing to rate his selection of one play under the other. The consensus of opinions runs about an equal throughout each Southern state, on the relative merits each player stands as a gridiron star in his representative state.

Bengle, of Sumnerlin Institute, considered the greatest fullback developed in fifteen years in scholastic circles of Florida has been awarded the captaincy of one of the elevens. Schwartz, 1924 All-Southern Captain, calls signals from the line, and will close his scholastic career at the end of this term, he is to play freshman football next year at the University of North Carolina next fall.

All-Southern selections here in the past have not failed in one instance to make good on college elevens. Any number of those selected on the 1922-23 elevens, are today, outstanding players on their respective college squads.

Of the two Tennessee boys placed on the mythical team, one is a Nashville product. He is Chille Hardin, Montgomery Bell's star quarterback, who has been selected as captain of the Nashville school for the 1925 season. The other Tennessee boy is Alex Bristow, of Castle Heights, at Lebanon.

Hardin has been one of the outstanding players of the entire South. His ability to run, pass, punt and drop-kick ranks him among the very best. He is, by far, one of the best triple threat men in Tennessee. He won an intra-city game the past season with a field goal, and he also chalked up a number of other drop-kicks for three points. He is an ideal runner and an accurate passer. In 1923 Hardin, by his great drop-kicking, won three games.

Bristow, the Castle Heights star on the mythical team, is a big husky guard, with both speed and ability. He has shone throughout the season and against all classes of teams. He is a deadly tackler, and a good man to have to make holes in the opposition's line for his backs.

### CHRISTMAS DAY FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES

WOR, New York, (405m) 4 p. m.  
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"The Messiah."

KGO, Oakland, (12m) 8 p. m.—  
Pacific Standard Time—KGO mixed  
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Christmas program.

WNYC, New York, (525m) 8 p. m.  
EST, Concert from the Brooklyn

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WCBD, Zion, (345m) 8 p. m. EST,  
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This is borne out by every incom-

ing mail.

Letters are received constantly by

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well as by others here, asking for

any information available as to wan-

dering children and kinsmen.

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WASHINGTON,

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18.—The

House Immigration Committee has

approved a project for summoning a

conference of all countries in the

Western Hemisphere to meet in the

United States and bring about a

uniform immigration policy. Presi-

dent Coolidge may be asked to sum-

mon the conference shortly. The

projected conference, discussed in

secrecy for three months, would band

the new countries into a sort of

"Monroe doctrine on immigration,"

standard admission requirements,

and administrative details of hand-  
ing and locating immigrants.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19.—

Two men and two women were pinned

under an automobile more than

an hour before they were rescued

early this morning. The car skid-  
ded on dangerous Nine-Mile hill on

the Fredericksburg road and plunged

into a ditch. The two women

suffered broken bones, cuts and in-

ternal injuries. One of the men was

injured internally.

The hill was covered with a thin

glaze of sleet, which caused the

accident.

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## Postal Inspector Spends Day In City Looking Over P.O.

H. M. Hugueney, postal inspector, was in Mexia the early part of the week, looking over the post office conditions here. He urged that the rural mail carriers annex be rebuilt as rapidly as possible, which is understood to be all that he could do. However, it is certain that he was impressed greatly with Mexia's need for a new Federal Building to take care of the constantly growing needs of this community.

### NAPOLEON'S BIRTHPLACE PRESENTED TO FRANCE

(International News Service) PARIS, Dec. 24.—Prince Victor head of the House of Bonaparte who inherited the estate of Napoleon III, on the death of Empress Eugenie, has given to the French state the house at Ajaccio in which Napoleon I was born.

This is the result of negotiations concerning the long-continued feud about certain property which the late Empress had claimed as having belonged to Napoleon III.

Judgments delivered in 1902 and 1920 favored the Empire's claim in respect to a number of articles. Only two of these, which were in the Louvre, are now claimed by Prince Victor, and they are to be handed over to him. These are the sword of honor of Napoleon, as First Consul, and a musical clock, which bears as a decoration the "Nymphe Coueuse" of Clodion.

### CURE-ALL MAKES HIM RICH; FIND IT'S ONLY POP

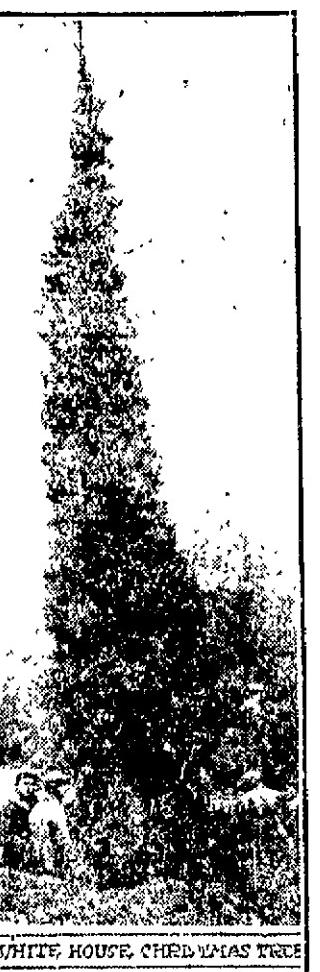
(International News Service) ROME, Dec. 24.—In a dark red bottle sold in tiny bottles, Frank Mackay, an English peddler, declared he had a cure for all disease. He attracted large crowds to his street lecture, and grew moderately wealthy on the sales of his medicine.

Police arrested him when they found the bottles to contain merely a popular soft drink, with a dash of pepsi.

Mexia has ten rural carriers with their desks in the lobby of the Postoffice. With them there, the parcels post desk and long lines of men and women after their mail, the building is crowded all day long. The country may need battle hips but Mexia certainly and without doubt needs a Post Office building.

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### Huge Christmas Tree for White House

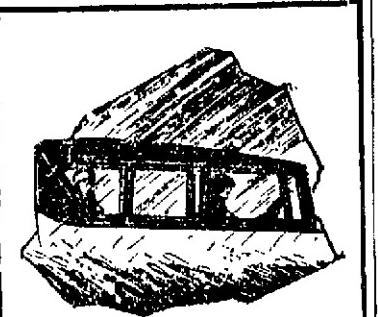


### DOCTORS AWARDED \$1,800 FOR \$100,000 OPERATION

(International News Service) CHICKASAW, Okla., Dec. 24.—One hundred thousand dollars is too much for a physician to charge a patient for major operation, a jury in Federal Court decided. However, they returned a verdict for \$1,800 in favor of Dr. W. H. Livermore and Dr. D. S. Downey.

George Perkins states that messages from his mother in New Mexico bring the news of extremely cold weather in that section.

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Miss Jewell Bryan of Dallas is the maid's visitor of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Webb.



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At the Methodist church tonight the regular mid week prayer services will be held. The congregation and the public, are urged by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Andrews, to avail themselves of this opportunity to observe the Christmas season in the spirit of worship, prayer, study and Thanksgiving. The Acts of the Apostles are being studied at these

services and an inspirational occasion marks every service. Come to the present two story Spreng Building. Mr. Bryan is the contractor for the new buildings. The structure will be a one story brick and will have a frontage on Commerce street of 75 feet.

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The officers and directors of the City National Bank of Mexia extend to its customers and friends Greetings and Best Wishes for a most Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

The Bank also desires to express its appreciation of the patronage and good will you have favored us with in the past, and trust that we may be favored with a continuance of the same.

### THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

## Many New Homes And Buildings To Go Up In The City

Local contractors and lumber dealers assert that many new buildings will be built in Mexia immediately following the new year. Quite a number of residences are also under contract to start immediately after Christmas. The cold weather has put a stop to much outside work temporarily. The work of making Mexia a bigger and better place still goes on.

Claud Nussbaum who has recently returned from Portland, Oregon, is to enter the farm loan business. He has been away several months in the far Northwest. He states that Oregon is a great state and Portland a rapidly growing city. The great timber regions of that state form the chief industry; however, during the past year there has been a building slump in the United States and business has not been so good.

Mexia's city jail will be emptied of its city prisoners late Wednesday, a Christmas present from Chief of Police A. R. Mace, the police chief announced.

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**WALTER HARPER, KOSSE.**  
Walter A. Harper, farmer, whose home was near Kosse, died Tuesday morning in a Waco sanitarium at 4:30.

The body was sent by the Compton Undertaking company to Kosse, where interment will take place. He was well known in his section. Mr. Harper is survived by his wife; four daughters, Mrs. G. B. Chapman, Fort Worth; Mrs. G. C. Rogers, Wellington, Texas; Misses Pearl and Ruth Harper, Kosse; three brothers, S. M., Frank and W. P., Waco; three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Brooks, Kosse; Mrs. W. D. Brooks, Waco; Mrs. J. G. Zachary, Clayton, N. M.

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elsewhere are housed. "They are all working men, not flosters," Chief Mace says.

RAINFALL HERE 14 INCH ON TUESDAY

According to the local weather station, the rainfall Tuesday was .14 inch. It practically all soaked in the ground, not replenishing surface water supplies.

A gas stove is kept burning all night and men who cannot find place

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High Mass at Midnight Christmas Eve!

Public Cordially Invited

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Pastor.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Members of Coeur de Lion Commandery, Knights Templar, will

please remember the Christmas service at the hall tomorrow morning at 11:00 o'clock. Also the new officers are expected to be present at

10:30 for installation. Visitors will be welcome to this meeting.

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"THE STORE AHEAD"

## Bains Creek Drills Another Well Near Groesbeck Southw't

The Bains Creek Petroleum Company has started its second well in the Groesbeck territory, southwest of the Mexia field a few miles. This company several months ago brought in its Rich Kennedy 1 as a 7 million cubic foot gasser which is holding up well and which points not only to a big gas field in that district but also to the probabilities of another Mexia fault oil field. The second test is going down on the J. W. Pate farm.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS



### Japanese Princess Will Renounce Royalty

CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE  
Everywhere, everywhere tonight  
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree  
and pine,  
Christmas in lands of the palm-tree  
and vine,  
Christmas where snow-peaks stand  
solemn and white,  
Christmas where corn-fields lie  
sunny and bright,  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas  
tonight.

—Phillips Brooks  
POTTSVILLE FLOCK SAY  
PRAYERS SAVED GIRL

International News Service  
POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Miss

Helen Savidge, daughter of the Rev. W. F. Savidge, of this city, has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia by what church members believe to be a direct answer to prayer. Two nurses in attendance state that many patients not as sick as Miss Savidge had died from pneumonia.

For three weeks church members have been praying for Miss Savidge as her life hung in the balance.

Although only twenty, Miss Savidge is an accomplished orator, and frequently occupies her father's pulpit.

For the Christ-child who comes is  
the Master of all,

No palace too great and no cottage  
too small,

The angels who welcome Him sing  
from the height:

"In the city of David, a King in his  
might."

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas  
tonight!

Then let every heart keep its Christ-  
mas within,

Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's  
hatred of sin,

Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's  
courage for right,

Christ's dread of the darkness,  
love of the light,

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas  
tonight!

informed his relatives where he had  
gone, surprised his brother, George,  
in Muscat County recently. He was  
accompanied by his wife.

Theodore learned from George that  
their father was killed in a runaway  
accident years ago.

Princess Nobufumi Kunitomo, sister of  
the Japanese Crown Princess, will  
renounce her royal rights to marry  
Prince Sanjo of Kyoto, who, al-  
though of noble birth, is not of  
royal rank. The Princess is con-  
sidered one of the most beautiful  
women in Japan, and her marriage  
will be a brilliant function.

—(Co-operative work 6B and 7B)

WANDERER VISITS BROTHER  
AFTER 49 YEARS' ABSENCE

METROPOLIS, Ill., Dec. 21.—Theodore Garrett, of Waukegan, who left his home near here in 1875, when sixteen years old, and never

returning.

—(Co-operative work 6B and 7B)

SALTS FINE FOR  
ACHING KIDNEYS

Most folks forget that the kidneys like the bowels, sometimes get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have back-ache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean and the moment you feel no ache or pain in the kidney region begin drinking lots of water. Also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then net fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithium, and is intended to flush clogged kidneys and help stimulate them to activity. It also helps neutralize the acids in the urine so they no longer irritate, thus helping to relieve bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithium water drink which everybody should take now and then to help keep their kidneys clean.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in trying to correct kidney trouble while it is only trouble. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—When Miss Patience Fuller, daughter of a baronet, was married she refused to have as bridesmaids any of her old friends who had bobbed their hair.

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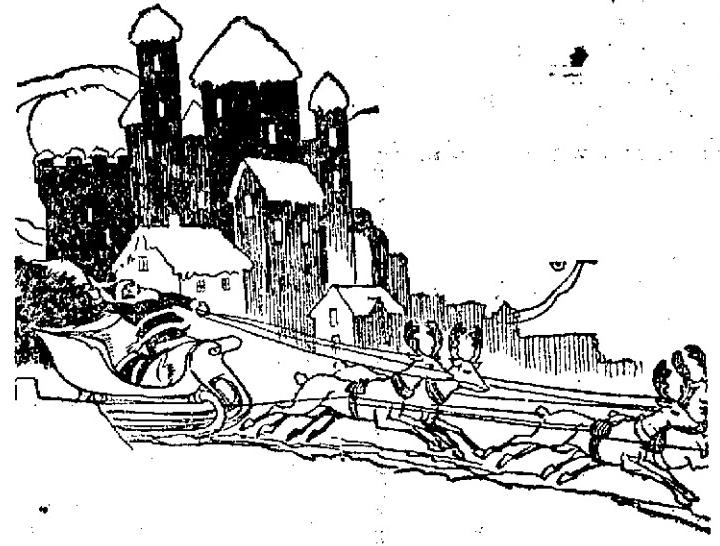
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## Prickett Battery Station

Corner of Palestine and McKinney Streets



## Grange and Notre Dame Team Stands Out in Football World

[By United Press]

Two million souls saw the great American game of football played during the season of 1924, the most notable of all the years the game has survived. Some 65,000 of an original turnout of 75,000 sat thru a torrential deluge to the end of the Harvard-Yale battle at New Haven; and the stadiums at Urbana, Ill., and Berkeley, Cal., were burdened to triple tremendous capacity for the Illinois-Michigan and the California-Stanford games respectively. These contests, with the Army and Navy game at Baltimore, were merely the big moments of football's epic season.

It was a season made immortal by Knute ("Red") Grange, of Illinois, the University of Notre Dame team and many upsets.

Grange, the greatest individual player of modern football, ran thru the Michigan team for four touchdowns in twelve minutes, a record never before equalled. His runs ranged from ninety-seven yards on the opening kickoff to a mere twenty-five yards for his final tally of the first period. Against Chicago, he tied the score in the last period with two touchdowns, one of them coming after a run of eighty-five

yards. Grange stands alone. So does the Notre Dame football team, which need only defeat or tie Stanford at Pasadena, Calif., to establish itself as the first college team to attain national recognition as champion in the last ten or fifteen years.

Eastern supremacy is divided among Yale, Pennsylvania and Dartmouth. The Middle West recognizes Notre Dame above all else, with Chicago the winner of the Big Ten Conference; Kansas was the winner of the Missouri Valley Conference;

Alabama ruled the Southern Conference, with Centre College, a non-conference team, the leading entry from that section; and Stanford finally obtained rating above California on the Coast, although neither was beaten. The Bears, however, played two tie games to Stanford's one.

The latter came with just six minutes to play in Stanford's game with its traditional foe, the Bears leading 20 to 6 at that late moment. But Stanford scored enough points to tie the score before the final whistle; and two spectators dropped dead from heart failure.

News Classified Ads get results.

## Spanish Woman Has Foregone Food, Sleep, Drink Four Years

International News Service  
MADRID, Dec. 23.—The remarkable case of a woman whom doctors declare has neither eaten nor drunk any thing nor had an hour's sleep for four years is exciting considerable interest among medical practitioners here.

She is a married woman, named Amelie Baranda, and lives in the village of Montecilla, Burgos Province.

According to the doctors' statements, she is kept alive solely by injections and the application of leeches.

In a report, which they were asked to submit to the Spanish Academy of Medicine, Doctors Gutierrez and Pinedo state that the patient has been under their care for

four years, suffering from acute perigastric trouble. She was unable to keep down either food or drink of any description, and when she was seized with pain from four to six leeches were applied to lessen congestion.

The doctors, in their report, state that this treatment was approved by specialists who were called in for consultation, and add that, notwithstanding the woman is obviously fatigued, she is unable to sleep, and that they fear to administer sleeping draughts lest the variation of treatment may cause her to collapse. She is able to converse freely after the injections.

Famous Spanish medical scientists are at a loss to explain the

case other than that it must be a miracle.

**WOMAN BUTCHER KNIFE ROBBER GETS 20 YEARS**

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 23.—Convict-

ed of a hold-up last July, in which W. Brennan to serve from ten to twenty years in the Detroit House of Correction.

Seven dollars was the total sum derived from the robbery.

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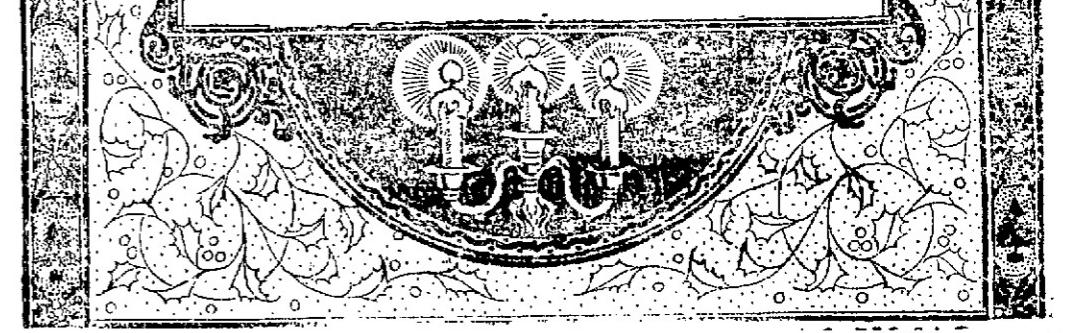
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**COMMUNITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY OF TEXAS**



**Only Parcel Post Delivery In City On Christmas Day**

No delivery of mail will be made from the Mexia postoffice Christmas day except parcel post delivery to the residence section of the city, according to Isidore Newman, postmaster, who adds that no deliveries will be made after 11 a.m.

Outgoing first class mail and newspapers will be dispatched as usual, but incoming mail will not be delivered on Christmas day, save the packages. No city or rural delivery carriers will be on duty. The postoffice will be closed all day.

The action is taken in accordance with orders from the postmaster general. Mr. Newman points out.

Mexia's postoffice has experienced one of the heaviest Christmas seasons it has known, almost equaling the boom days of 1919, Mr. Newman says. The outgoing mail is especially heavy and stamp sales have exceeded all expectations.

The large number of money orders taken out here by oil field workers show that a large amount of money is being sent to the "home folks" by the workers, the money order business here growing to amounts equaling postoffices of many larger cities.

The post office is congested as a result of the accident which destroyed a wall in the annex, and the need for larger quarters for the mail was never greater, the postmaster says.

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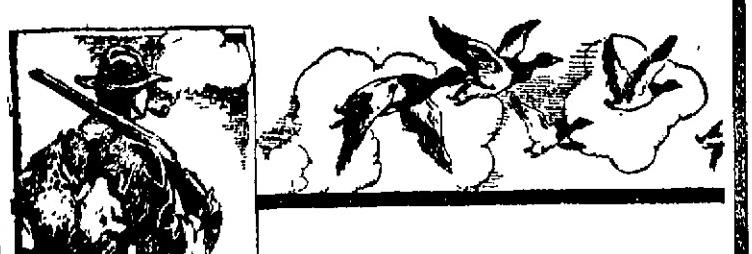
**Water Waste From Pipes Which Froze Up and Then Broke Causes Low Pressure**

Freezing of water pipes causing overflow of business due to the increased waste of water as they thaw out has taxed the capacity of the city's 500 gallon per minute water pump, and increased the need for the 3,000,000 gallon water reservoir, proposed to be purchased with money from bonds, according to R. D. Morgan, superintendent of the city water department.

A low pressure of water has resulted from the waste in the bursting of pipes, but with all leaks now shut off, the pump will soon be able to keep up the normal pressure, the city official says.

The city gets its water from springs seven miles away. There is no shortage of water, Mr. Morgan points out, but, he says, the demand for water is more than the pump can handle. No danger from fire need be feared, he says, for the pumps of the fire engines can create their own water pressure sufficient for any emergency.

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HARDWARE

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**Many Going Away To Spend Short Holiday Season**

Hundreds of oil men, operators and field workers, are returning to their homes on every train, many of them to be gone until after the holidays. Their holidays, however, in the main will be cut to the Christmas period and will not include New Years.

An election has been called for January 27, when the voters of the city will be asked to approve an issue of \$10,000 for the purchase of a reservoir to store up a supply of water sufficient for at least three years.

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**NATIONAL**  
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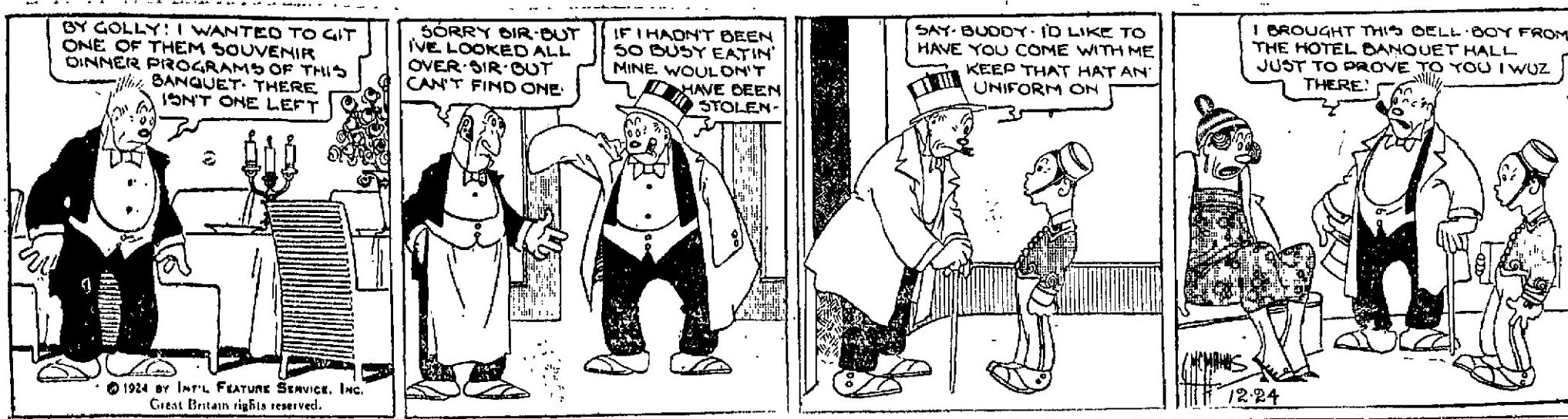
*With the wish that yours may be a Christmas of Happiness and Contentment and a New Year which will bring to you a satisfying measure of prosperity.*

# The Day's Opportunities As Told In The Classified Ads

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By George McManus



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### Lost and Found

STRAYED—Black and bay horses, about 1300 pounds, notify Black-Sivalls and Bryson, phone 45. 21X3

LOST—Pointer puppy about 5 mos. old. Lives colored ears. One liver spot behind right shoulder. Few white hairs on right ear. Reward. Phone 55 or 360. 22X2

LOST—Big white bulldog with black eyes. Also fox terrier, reward, Mrs. Irwin at W. A. Jackson. 21X2

FOUND—Fur choker on Commerce street Wednesday morning. Owner can have same by identifying and paying for this sad. 21X2

LOST—Strayed or stolen, 1 sorrel mule with dark mane about 15½ or 16 hands high, 1 sorrel mule about 15 hands high, red or roan mane (both horse mules) were nekked together when last seen, largest mule has small brand on left jaw. Reward for return of same to F. R. KLOTZ, Mexia, Texas. 17X7

### For Rent Rooms

YOUNG ROOMS—Beds \$6c in tent house, for respectable men only, clean, safe and quiet, electric light and gas, 207 Red River, 5 blocks east of City Hall, Main and Red River, next to corner. 18X7

FOR RENT—3 nice bed rooms for men, in private home, on pavement, 714 S McKinney, phone 332W. 23X2

FOR RENT—Nice bed room, gas, new house, no conveniences, 812 E. Carlton. 23X1

SLEEPING room, modern, private home for 2 men, 611 McKinney Ave. 23X3

ROOM and board, two double beds in room, gas heat, next to 1st fl., private entrance, close in, 301 E. Hunt, 3 blocks south city hall, just off McKinney. 24X2

ROOM and board, in private home, 600 S. McKinney. 21X1

FOR RENT—Bed room for two or three men. Gas, heat and electric lights, Klots Hardware Store on Main, first floor East Ross. 22X1

FOR RENT—Nice sleeping rooms, all conveniences. Apply at Mrs. Hutchins, 8 N. McKinney and Houston. 23X2

### Help Wanted

WANTED—One small second hand cash register; must be priced right. See U. H. Morgan at News office. 23X3

Farmers wanted, Atlantic tank farm 3 miles south of Wortham, good camp, Kansas City Structural Steel Co. 21X7

WANTED—One first class auto mechanic at Sterling Garage call Mr. Meek, phone 575. 21X2

### Situations Wanted

EARN \$20 weekly spare time, at home, addressing, mailing, music, circulars. Send 10¢ for music and information. Co-Operative Music Co., St. Paul, Minn. 23X2

### For Sale Miscellaneous

TWENTY SHARES (\$200) J. K. Hughes Developing Company for sale. Make me an offer and if it satisfies the stock is yours. Box 62, care Daily News. 21X4

PERSIAN kittens for sale, one black Persian neuter to good home, phone 4045, 1165 E. Titus Et. 23X2

FOR SALE grocery store with living rooms, other business reason for selling. See it 516 North Red River St. 18-5.

FOR SALE—One roller top desk, cheap for cash. Room 7, Ross and Green Bldg., or Box 513, Mexia, Texas. 23J2

SCHOLARSHIP in Bryne Commercial College, Dallas, for sale. Can save you some money if you are looking for a first class commercial college. N. P. Houx, at News Office. 19X4

FOR RENT or lease first of January, office space at Wortham, next door to Journal office, now occupied by Chief of Police. See Mrs. Dunn in rear of this building. 23X2

TRADE in your old Gas Heaters and Gas Cook Stoves for new ones. Langston Furniture, 312 East Commerce St. 23X2

FOR SALE—First class job printing, all kinds of Commercial Printing. No job too big—none too small. Let us figure with you. News Publishing Co. 29J30

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Bits 11 in. down.

1100 ft. 6 in. drill pipe tool joints every double.

Small tools.

All of this rig is in A-1 condition

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### Miscellaneous

We collect bad account and judgments. We make hot checks (hotter). See us we will get results. Mexia Detective Bureau, City Hall. 10-T-30

WE TRADE new Furniture and Stoves for old ones. Langston Furniture, 312 Commerce St.

### Automobiles

FOR SALE—One new Ford coupe, balloon tires, room 7, Ross & Green Building. 22X3

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Office Signs

Cards - Banners - Etc.

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SYSTEM

201 Pittman Bldg.

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#### Farms for Sale

100 acres at Point Enterprise, fair improvements. Price \$50 per acre. 145 acres, 1½ miles north of Simsboro. Cheap at \$30 per acre.

See F. R. KLOTZ (owner) for terms and condition and full particulars of sale of above land.

FOR SALE—Residence lots, lights water, gas and sewer. Close to pavements, easy term. It will pay to investigate this offer. CARL DAVIS, phone 399. R-31-30

FOR SALE—5 room house with screened in porch, all modern conveniences, large lot and 4 stall garage, see property at 500 East Bowie Street. 13-5.

FOR SALE—One lot 30 feet front by 125 feet deep on pavement. Water piped on lot. Pavement paid for. Will make a sacrifice for cash for \$350. See E. HALL at Neece Lumber Co. or call 35. 21Xf

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FOR LET—Drilling contract on 3½ acres, townsite Wortham; for particulars inquire Room 7, Ross and Green Bldg. or Box 513, Mexia, Texas as 22-2

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#### H. & T. C. SCHEDULE

North Bound.

No. 19 Dens-Ft.W.....3:55 a. m.

No. 17 Dallas-Ft.W.....4:30 a. m.

No. 37 Dallas-Ft.W.....4:50 a. m.

No. 31 Dallas.....1:30 p. m.

No. 15 Dallas-Ft.W.....3:31 p. m.

No. 33 Ennis.....7:10 p. m.

South Bound.

No. 20 Houston.....12:16 a. m.

No. 38 Austin-SA.....12:21 a. m.

No. 18 Houston.....1:37 a. m.

No. 34 From Ennis-Stp.....7:15 a. m.

No. 32 From Dallas-Stp.....10:08 a. m.

No. 16 Houston-SA.....11:55 a. m.

Catt-Off.

345 From Navasota-Stp.....1:47 p. m.

346 For Navasota-Lv.....7:00 a. m.

TRINITY & BRAZOS VALLEY

North Bound.

No. 8 .....2:31 P. M.

South Bound.

No. 7 .....12:24 P. M.

SAM B. WERNER, Agt.

### FOR YOU

The top o' the morning to you,  
And the season full of cheer;  
And maybe a tear to soften  
The heart for the coming year.  
The faith and the love of children,  
And a good friend strong and true,  
On this Christmas Day in the morn-

ing,

## BRITISH JUDGE WOULD NOT SIT UNTIL FURNISHED PROPER CHAIR

[International News Service] LONDON, Dec. 24.—Judge Crawford, a tall and heavy man, has refused to sit in the Edmonton County Court because of the miserable armchair provided for him by the government.

His old chair broke down from age. In its place the Government department known as the "Office of Works" sent down a small chair that the judge declared was fit only for an office boy. The Judge refused.

Judge DeLeon Harp of San Antonio has been a recent visitor in his home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hickman. He was Mayor of Mexia during the first oil boom, also Senator from this district and highly beloved locally. Since moving to San Antonio he has become interested in mining in old Mexico. Before leaving he stated that Mrs. Harps' parents, also the parents of Mrs. Rush Hickman, Rev. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Whitewright are in San Antonio for the holidays.

Phone the Salvation Army if you desire to have a part in spreading Christmas cheer in this community. Envoy and Mrs. Hamilton are on the job day and night. Mexia is thankful to these good people who are making such liberal sacrifices for others.

Miss Cora Oiphant is in charge of the Chamber of Commerce offices here during the absence of Secretary Jerry Cason. Mr. and Mrs. Cason left the early part of the week for San Antonio where they are spending Christmas with her parents.

B. H. Broiles of Houston, formerly with Houston Daily Newspapers, is now with The Mexia Daily News. Any favors shown him by the public in gathering the daily events of the city will be appreciated by the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Caldwell are now residing in the home on South Ross Avenue formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Forrest. The latter have moved to their home in New Mexico.

Mrs. E. A. Teter was expected to arrive today from Tulsa, where she has been for several weeks. Mrs. Teter has been away for several months and will be welcomed back by her host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gambrell and lovely little daughter, Martha Jane of Tulsa are here for the holidays, which they will spend with Mrs. Gambrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley.

The H. & T. C. railway company is now setting out a Houston sleeper at Mexia, similar to the service offered during the boom period of 1921 and 1922. Many are taking advantage of this service.

Quite a number of local citizens have bought radio sets for their young sons for Christmas, but the chances are that many of the little fellows will be crowded off by their daddies.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mitchell and daughters are spending Christmas with relatives and friends in Waxahachie.

Miss Frances Jeanette Beckham of Kilgore is a charming guest in the home of Miss Lucile Lofland of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gambrell of Tulsa are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley.

Miss Estelle Bauder is in Waxahachie spending the Christmas holidays with her mother.

If you have a Christmas visitor, let the News tell about it. Phone 146.

J. Meers of Hubbard City is in the city this week.



### Counting the Cost

of new shoes for the children makes you stagger, does it not? Take our advice and save many dollars—have those well-worn shoes repaired here and add weeks, perhaps months, of wear to them. Good shoe repairing these days is a real economy you should not fail to take advantage of.

**D. Prickett Shoe Shop**  
The Postoffice is opposite us.

## Erin To Restrict Use of Liquors

[International News Service] DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Drastic restrictions on the consumption of liquor in the Irish Free State are accumulating as the government's Intoxicating Liquor Bill progresses through its stages.

Kevin O'Higgins, the Free State Minister of Justice, during the course of debates, foreshadowed a big reduction in the huge number of saloons throughout the country. He told members of the Senate that the general feeling of the country was that 15,000 saloons was a number grossly in excess of reasonable requirements, while members of the licensing trade themselves were of the opinion that the huge number of the saloons produced too keen a struggle for existence.

Among some of the restrictions already adopted is one providing for the closing of all saloons on St. Patrick's Day, so there is a probability that in future the Shamrock will have to be drowned in non-alcoholic beverages.

The Government's chief contention for the adoption of the new bill is that it will do away with a great

deal of the existing poverty among the work classes.

### CHICAGO LEADS NATION IN INFLUENTIAL PREACHERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—New York City leads the nation in the number of influential preachers, according to a vote taken by the Christian Century, a religious magazine, among 25,000 ministers throughout the country.

A list of 25 preachers receiving the largest vote showed New York had seven, Chicago five, Detroit two and the others distributed throughout the country, not more than one to any city.

George W. Truett, Dallas, Texas, was listed in the twenty five.

### CARD OF THANKS.

To the many friends in Mexia, and especially the Masons, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for kindnesses and sympathy shown us in our hour of sorrow on the occasion of the death of dear father. May the heavenly Father shed His blessings on you as you have comforted us.

MRS. LOUIS SCHLOSEBERG.  
MRS. G. WOLFE.  
MRS. THOS. I. GRACE.  
MRS. J. LAWRENCE.  
HERBERT GREEN.

### TREACLE ON TRACKS DELAYS 25 TRAINS AND 4,000 RIDERS

[International News Service] DURBAN, South Africa, Dec. 24: Treacle delayed twenty-five passenger trains carrying more than 4,000 people here recently.

When two goods trains collided less than a quarter of a mile outside Durban main station a long line of freight trucks carrying the tre-

acle was overturned, with the result that the sticky fluid spread over the lines until they were covered, rendering that part of the line impassable.

It took a big gang of men several hours to completely clear the track.

Dan Moody, new Attorney General of Texas, has appointed Wright Morrow, formerly of Hillsboro as First Assistant Attorney General of

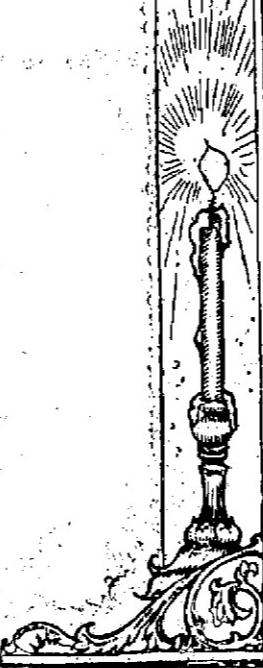
Texas. Mr. Morrow is well known by a number of lawyers of limestone County, especially among the younger members. He was a student in the University from 1911 to 1914, and a graduate of the Law School.

When in Dallas, call at the news stands on the corner of Akard and Main and you can secure The Mexia Daily News.



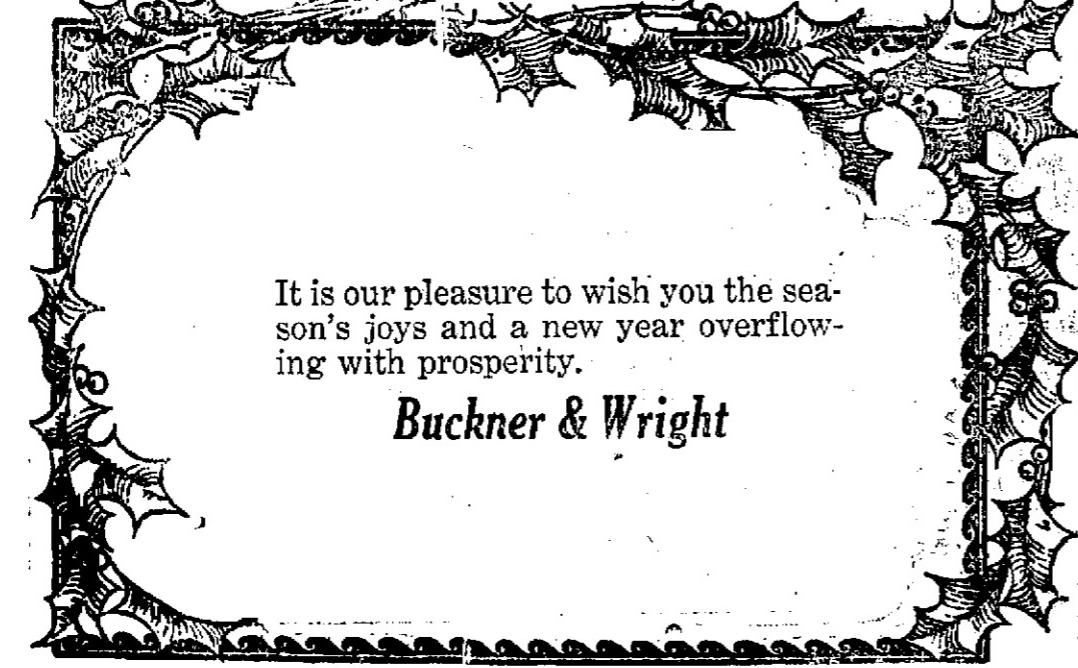
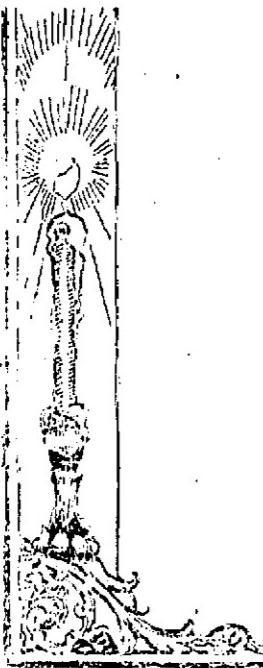
Like a treasure ship of olden times full fraught with precious things so may Christmas come to you laden with all that will make for your Happiness and contentment.

### Diamond Jewelry Company



It is our pleasure to wish you the season's joys and a new year overflowing with prosperity.

**Buckner & Wright**



## A 10-Year or a 1-Year Car ~The Difference Is a Matter of Lubrication

A prominent automobile manufacturer is author of the statement that "The difference between a 10-year car and a 1-year car is largely a matter of lubrication". The experience of this manufacturer and his success in the field of automobile engineering place him in a position to speak with authority on this subject.

Everyone, within his experience, knows of cars that have been running for years, and even though they are out-of-date as to lines and body design, their quietness of motor operation and the absence of squeaks and rattles show that they have always been well lubricated and well cared for.

On the other hand, you know of hundreds of cars that, even though they have been in service but a few years and have covered comparatively few miles, are afflicted with groans and squeaks; the motor knocks and labors and the gears clash and grind—and they are just about ready for the junk pile. Their owners have never considered lubrication as important.

Folks who really care about the service life of their cars and who wish to get as much out of their investment as possible, are finding that it pays to use nothing but the right grade of Humble Motor Oil in the crank case, and to renew it every 500 miles. It will pay you to always look for the Humble Signs before you buy.

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**HUMBLE MOTOR OILS**  
Service Insurance For Your Car



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**Everybody**

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## 9 Injured When Trains Collide At Wortham Last Nite

## SWEETIN MURDER TRIAL ENDS - PEN SENTENCE

## Bandits Sack Two Texas Towns Today And Escape

### OIL SPECIAL AND SWITCH ENGINE CRASH IN YARDS



A FRENCHMAN BUT HE IS A CHIEFTAIN of the Sioux Indian tribe. His name is Le Capitaine L'Hospital. He was aide to Marshal Foch when Foch visited America last year. The Indian title and regalia were presented to him by the Sioux Indians during the marshal's tour. Foch also was made chieftain of the tribe.

Nine persons were injured at Wortham late Tuesday when a passenger train, the "oil field special" collided with a heavy switch engine in the Wortham yards, the view of the engineers clouded by steam.

Engineer Ledbetter of the passenger train sustained a broken leg and was taken to the Southern Pacific hospital at Ennis for treatment, while Mrs. Maudie Vastine, proprietor of Maudie's Barber shop, in the Pittman block, Mexia, was badly bruised and brought to the Brown Hospital, Mexia, for treatment, in a Riddick ambulance.

The accident happened at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday as the oil field special, bound from Mexia to Ennis, hit the switch engine head-on. The trains were moving comparatively slow, their view clouded by steam. A relief train was made up and the crippled passenger engine taken to the shops at Ennis.

The seven others injured were passengers of the train, said to be but slightly injured. After emergency treatment by physicians they were released.

### Associated Ad Club Meeting Interests Mexia Merchants

E. L. Crow, Secretary of the Mexia Retail Merchants Association, is interested in the world convention of the Associated Ad club of the world which is to be held in Houston in May of this next year. The meeting will afford a great opportunity for Mexia merchants to hear leading advertisers of the world discuss problems of general interest. It is a big convention for Texas and one that seldom meets in this part of the country. The Retail Merchants Association, Mexia Jobbers and Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce will likely wage a campaign here to secure a big delegation to attend the four days event.

### Strange Accident In Navy Ordered Probed at Once

[By United Press] HAMPTON ROADS, Va., Dec. 24.—The Navy Department today ordered a thorough inquiry to determine the cause of the strange accident which resulted in swamping the naval ambulance plane at Norfolk, killing a patient and three of the crew. Two aboard were killed a whirling propeller.

### Albanian Capital Taken By Rebels

[By United Press] ROME, Dec. 24.—Tirana, capital of Albania, has fallen to the rebels and the government of Premier Fan Noli has fled, according to advices direct from that city.

Insurgents who supported the revolt under Ahmed Zogu, occupied Tirana, the messages said.

Messages from Tirana to London also reported the capture of the city by rebels, although the latest official word received at the British capital by the Albanian minister said that Tirana had not fallen and that 200 rebels had been killed in bloody fighting at the gates of the city.

Odds in the Albanian civil war have been going steadily against the Fan Noli government, which has repeatedly charged that Jug Slavia is aiding the Zogists.

### Klotz Engineering Company Prepares Complete Map of Wortham District Showing Area from Mexia to Currie

John Klotz and Fred Bennett, civil engineers of this city, have completed what is declared the best map that has yet been prepared of the Wortham oil field district. They began several weeks ago, even prior to the discovery of the first well by the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company, traversed every foot of several hundred blocks of acreage and from these surveys made on the ground prepared the map which is of the city of Wortham and adjacent leases. The map also shows the territory from the Mexia fishpond district on into Wortham and beyond

there to the Currie pool, a distance of about eight miles. The Wortham townsite as now mapped shows about 600 acres, divided up into many hundreds of separately listed pieces of property in the form of townlots. The map as a whole includes several thousand acres.

These maps are sold at the Klotz Hardware store, at the Majestic Drug Store and at the Hurdleston hotel.

Also a money order addressed to the Klotz Hardware Company of this city will secure one.

### FLYING POLICE GO TO SCENE NEAR OHIO TOWN

[By United Press]

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A flying squad of police was sent along the road to New Castle, Pa., today following reports that Howard Preble had been robbed of money in an automobile with his wife and children. The robber held up Preble, who lives at New Castle, ordered him out of the car, leaping into the drivers seat and drove off with Mrs. Preble and four children.

### PASSENGER AIR PLANE BURSTS INTO DEADLY FLAMES

[By United Press]

CROYDON, England, Dec. 24.—Eight were killed at the Croydon Aerodrome today when the London-Paris passenger airplane burst into flames and crashed to the ground. The airplane had just started for Paris and fell at Hatting Downs. Rescuers rushed to the scene in automobiles. A passenger was burned to death before aid arrived.

### France Wants To Delay Evacuation Until January 10

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Post Office Department case, it was ascertained, was aimed against publishers and Arthur J. Baldwin, president of the National Publishers Association, was charged today during the hearing on the Sterling postal rate increase bill by the Senate Postoffice Committee. Baldwin demanded that the hearing be postponed until the publishers had an opportunity to adequately present their case.

WESTERN UNION SENDS MANY CHRISTMAS WORDS OF JOY TO LOVED ONES

Western Union offices here are doing a rushing business today, with many Christmas messages going to loved ones and friends. The big force is busy taking care of the rush. It is the plan of the offices everywhere to observe Sunday hours on Christmas day and the cooperation of the public to this end will be deeply appreciated.

### FIRE ZONE PRESCRIBED FOR SHOOTING FIREWORKS

During the Christmas season, the public is especially urged to take every precaution against fires. The city has an ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fireworks in the down town area and this ordinance will be rigidly enforced as a necessity to reduce fire hazards.

### PARADISE AND BRITTON ARE LOOTED BY BURGLARS

[By United Press]

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 24.—Bandits sacked the towns of Britton, Ellis county, and Paradise, Wise county, early today, obtaining loot valued at thousands of dollars. There were two bandits.

Twelve stores, the postoffice and railroad station were looted at Paradise, a town of 1500 population.

At Britton, a town of 600, the bandits robbed the postoffice one bank and the railroad station.

The bandits worked with precision and extreme quiet. None of the citizens of either town were aroused. One gang perpetrated both robberies, police believe.

Details of sheriffs deputies and detectives are enroute to Paradise and Britton from Dallas and Fort Worth.

Safes were knocked open with sledge hammers. The safe at the Britton station was carted into the street where it was discovered.

The First National Bank and Peoples Bank at Paradise were entered, loss not determined. The loss of the First State Bank at Britton undetermined until the safe is opened. It contained \$25,000 but the bandits broke the combination and prevented the officials from entering it.

Most of the safes contained Tuesday's Christmas receipts.

Apparently the bandit gang was composed of one gang, which split in two sections, one going to Paradise and the other to Britton.

Wholesale looting started about midnight, police believe.

The number of safes opened and buildings entered led police to believe that at least twenty men composed the gang.

The citizens of both towns massed on the public squares and hastily formed posses and started on blind tails after the bandits, which will lead to Dallas and Fort Worth, it is believed.

The bandits are believed to be a sequel to the looting and firing of the town of Valley View Monday.

The name of Otto Starr, alleged notorious bandit, has been injected in to the hunt.

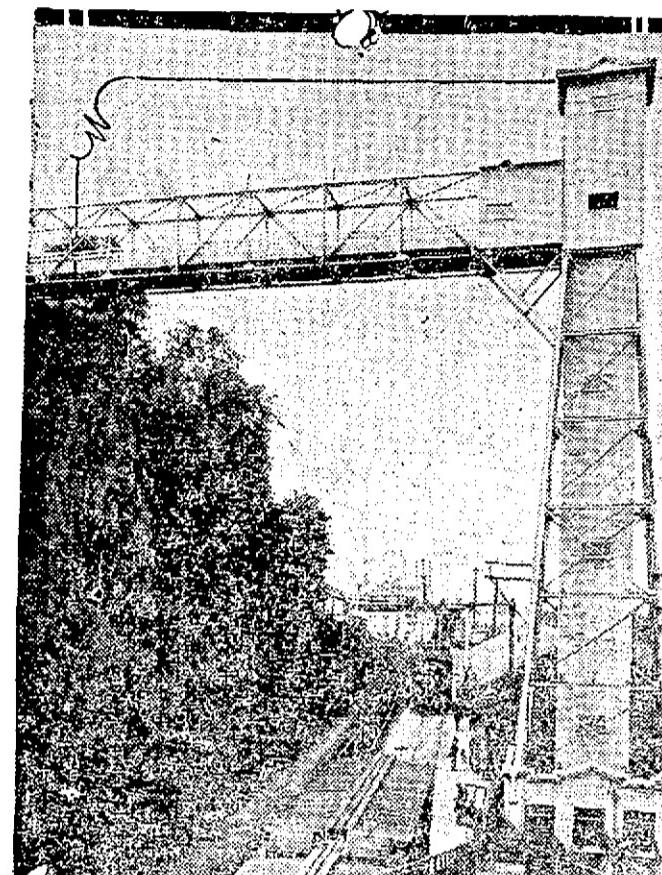
### MEXIA ELKS TO INITIATE 100 NEW ELKS SOON

According to information coming from the Mexia Elks' Club plans have been completed whereby a class of one hundred or more candidates will be initiated sometime in January and at which time the Elks will stage their usual jollification stunts for which they are famous. Secretary Charles Clover reports business booming at the Club and at one time since the recent oil boom began the register at the Club showed that there were visiting Elks from every state in the union excepting four. The Elks have postponed their Christmas dance but will hold their annual New Year's Eve ball Dec. 31, and all Elks are requested to get in touch with the secretary regarding the affair.

### Lone Bandit Kills New Orleans Police

[By United Press]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—A lone bandit shot and killed Patrolman Jacob Uhle today after robbing the Marine Bank and Trust company of \$13,000. Uhle challenged the bandit and was shot through the head. The bandit then leaped into a passing truck and escaped.



GUESS THE ELEVATOR OPERATOR is kept busy here. It is at Oregon City, Ore., where half the town is up on top of a cliff and the other half below. The city built the elevator so folk would not have to climb the stairways up the wall. The ring is 90 feet high from the railroad tracks.

### THREE INJURED WHEN BOILER AT WORTHAM BLOWS UP

Three men were injured at 4 a.m. Wednesday when a boiler on a Rio Bravo Oil company rig at Wortham exploded, Owen Warren, assistant fireman, was severely burned and two others sustained minor injuries.

The three men were rushed to the Wortham emergency hospital, where Warren will be confined for several weeks, and his companions for the remainder of the week.

The case was given to the jury yesterday after three weeks were consumed in trial. Two jurors became seriously ill and at 9:30 o'clock last night, the court ordered them discharged.

### Post Office Patron Has Handbag Stolen From Her in Office

A lady while in the Post Office today thought she passed her pocket book to her daughter. The crowds were thick in the office at the time. Someone else grabbed the handbag, went out with it and is probably now spending the money. The bag contained \$500.00 and a check, as well as other articles.

This unfortunate incident was no doubt due to the deplorable postoffice building facilities in Mexia. Had the post office been what it should be as to facilities to meet crying public needs, the congestion would have been lessened and this lady and her family would be far better off.

### Two Men Held As Lost Cars Found

Two men giving their names as C. Kingsland and Curley Dunbar are in the city jail at Mexia, following their arrest by Deputy Sheriff Gene Lamb on the Wortham road early Wednesday.

Four automobiles, three of them in Wortham and one in Corsicana, are held by the authorities as stolen property as a result of efforts of the authorities of Freestone and Limestone counties to stop the traffic in stolen cars to this district.

The two men are held for Freestone county authorities, while they are to be taken to face charges against them.

Officers declare that the cars were brought to Wortham from Dallas and Fort Worth.

### DELAY EXPECTED IN CASE BEING CONDUCTED AT AMARILLO

[By United Press]

AMARILLO, Texas, Possibility of a long delay in completion of the trial of Former District Attorney E. T. Miller and Mrs. Ruth Hobart, charged with killing the latter's husband loomed today following discharge of the jury because of illness of two jurors.

The case was given to the jury yesterday after three weeks were consumed in trial. Two jurors became seriously ill and at 9:30 o'clock last night, the court ordered them discharged.

### Business Houses Do Biggest Day's Business of Record

Local merchants report the biggest Christmas business in the history of Mexia. Despite the rain which slowly fell all day Tuesday, the business houses were thronged with Christmas shoppers. They found well stocked houses and prices reasonable, enhancing their purchases and the volume of business done.

Wednesday, with its cold snap and real Christmas weather found the crowds greater than ever and the indications now are that by the time the business houses close to night, they will have checked up the biggest days run they have ever enjoyed.

### Stores To Close On Christmas Day

All merchants of Mexia, save filling stations and a few neighborhood stores and cafes, will close their doors Christmas day to allow employees the enjoyment of the holiday at home.

Practically all of the meat markets grocery stores as well as other establishments, will be closed, some of which keep open for two hours on Sunday closing for the day.

Filling stations will remain open generally, to supply the unusually large number of automobiles and trucks with gasoline and oil.

### FORMER PASTOR GIVEN LIFE AND WOMAN 35 YEARS

[By United Press]

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 24.—Lawrence M. Hight, former Methodist pastor, must serve a life sentence in the Illinois penitentiary, and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin 35 years for the murder of Alfred Sweetin, Mrs. Sweetin's husband. The jury brought in a verdict with the foregoing sentence this morning. The former pastor and erstwhile jockey was much moved as the final chapters of the trial came to a close. He was nervous and fidgeted in his chair. He eyed each of the jurors as they left their places in the jury box.

Hight's two daughters sat by his side and sobbed softly as the jury left the room.

Mrs. Sweetin was composed. She held a handkerchief in her hand but at no time did she break down. She watched the jury in a calm fashion and seemed to pay no attention to the nervous and excited spectators—most of them her friends—who had crowded into the court room.

Judge J. C. Kern, in instructing the jury pointed out there were several punishments which could be meted out to the pair if found guilty.

1—death on the gallows.

2—life imprisonment.

3—prison sentence of not less than 14 years.

4—acquittal for one and guilt for the other.

### Text Book Board Meets Saturday To Settle Texts

[By United Press]

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 24.—The state text book commission will resume its attempt Saturday to secure adoption of the text book program provided in contracts awarded here last week.

The commission adjourned late yesterday after three weeks were consumed in trial. Two jurors became seriously ill and at 9:30 o'clock last night, the court ordered them discharged.

Keeling told the commission that the scope of the program was of such importance that it could not be rushed.

None of the contracts awarded by the commission have been approved for signatures.

### Exhaustive Probe Under Way As to Millionaire Orph'n

With 300 long distance calls incomplete at one time Wednesday the Mexia long distance telephone office was experiencing one of the busiest days it has ever seen, due to increased traffic and broken down wire service to distant points.

No calls could be put through to points beyond Dallas and Fort Worth while Houston was entirely cut off so far as telephone service was concerned.

While the entire field forces of the telephone companies are working as fast as possible to renew the service broken down by weather conditions, the calls taken by the long distance lines are subject to indefinite delay.

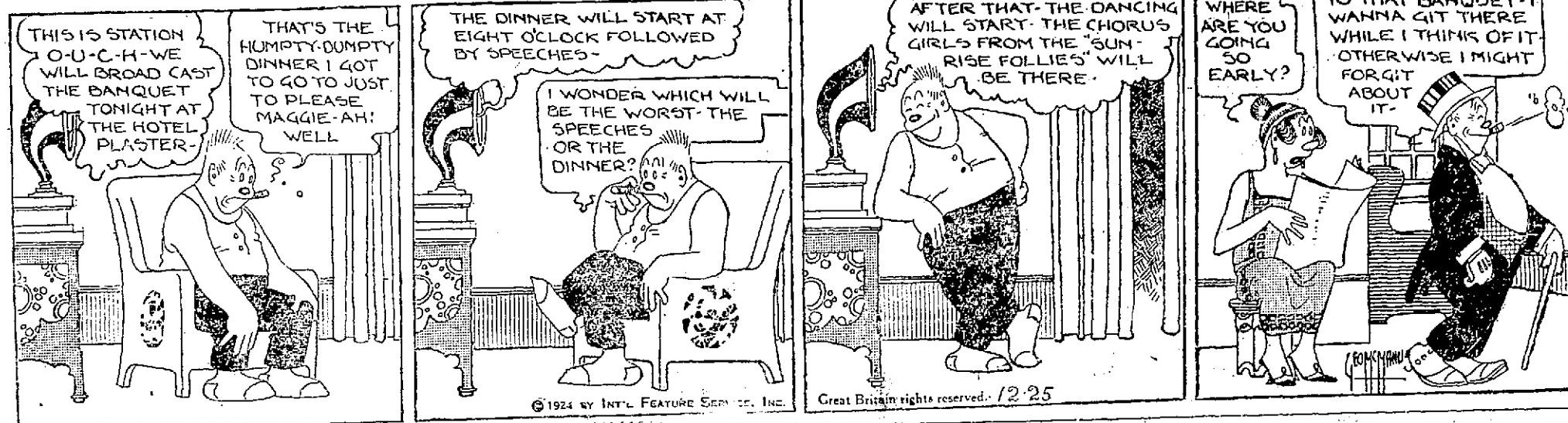
Hundreds of men working in this district are trying to call their homes to wish relatives a "merry Christmas" and trying to last minute business calls are also pouring in.

"We are doing the very best we can to get the calls through," the telephone office reported, "but the congestion is getting worst and worse all the time."

THE WEATHER

Texas—Clear and colder.

## BRINGING UP FATHER



## CHIEF FIGURES IN NEWS SPOTLIGHT:

Above: HOWARD CARTER; PAULINE FREDERICK  
Below: JACKIE DEMPSEY & ESTELLE TAYLOR.

took home early in the life of Billy, acting as supervisors of the place. In 1909, Mrs. McClintock, Billy and the Sheppards went to Texas on a visit. Mrs. McClintock became ill and was sent home here, dying several days later. The Sheppards then became guardians of Billy and have acted in that capacity ever since.

Billy was a sickly child, but seemed to gain strength with age, and was thought in robust health when he was taken ill. He attended Dartmouth and was taken ill while East at one of the football games.

Miss Pope, who lives in the exclusive Evanston, Chicago suburb, is a former co-ed of Northwestern university. The will provides that she shall receive a return of \$8,000 a

year. The will is to be probated within a few weeks. Several cousins of Billy residing in Iowa, retained attorneys to examine the will. This was the first move along the lines of an inquiry.

Coroner Wolff said:

"I received several letters and telephone calls which advised that I start a investigation. One of my advisers is a lawyer of prominence in this city. He urged that the body of McClintock be exhumed and subjected to examination."

It was revealed that shortly before McClintock died he took out \$100,000 life insurance with the Equitable Life Insurance company of New York. The insurance was payable to the estate. It was made

known that payment is being held up pending investigation.

## DEAR SANTA.

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## Calls Piling Up As Long Distance Wires Break Down

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—An exhaustive investigation was under way here today into the death of William N. McClintock, "the millionaire orphan" who died while his sweetheart waited at the door with a marriage license. The body has been exhumed and probably will be in the hands of doctors and chemists later today.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, Chief Justice Harry Olson of the Municipal court and Coroner Oscar Wolff, are directing the investigation being made as the result of requests from numerous sources to determine the cause leading up to the death.

"Billy" McClintock died on Dec. 4, from typhoid, according to the announcement. Miss Isabelle Pope, 19, childhood sweetheart of "Billy," and a minister waited at the youth's door to go through the marriage ceremony, but death prevented.

Crowe wants to question Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sheppard, foster parents of "Billy" to whom the fortune of \$2,000,000 was left in a will prepared by the youth when he came of age, a few months ago. The Sheppards are from Salina, Kansas, and now are visiting in Albuquerque, N. M., to recuperate from the shock of their ward's death, according to a servant at their home here.

Two assistant prosecutors visited the Sheppard home last night and made examination of servants. A file of all the medical prescriptions prepared for McClintock during his several weeks' illness was ordered brought to Crowe's office.

Dr. Rufus Sclop, the attending physician during "Billy's" last and fatal illness, issued a statement on the death as follows:

"To every appearance the death of William McClintock was due to a severe case of hemorrhagic typhoid. The illness was diagnosed by Dr. James B. Herrick and myself. McClintock had eaten oysters and we believed that it was in this manner he had contracted the disease. His death occurred as we figured, on the sixteenth day after the infection."

Justice Olson is one of the leading spirits in the investigation. For many years he was an intimate of the McClintock family and when the boy's mother died Olson promised to take an active interest in the orphan. The justice's brother, a physician, at the request of the mother, also acted as Billy's physician up to about four years ago when the doctor died. Justice Olson said he felt the remains of the mother also should be exhumed and examined. Olson gave no reason for this, simply stating he felt a thorough examination should be made along the line. Coroner Wolff is making inquiries.

Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, the mother, died in 1900.

The Sheppards joined the McClintock

## SAVING MONEY AS VITAL TO SUCCESS AS EARNING IT

By S. W. STRAUSS  
President, American Society for Thrift

NO matter how shrewd a man may be or how keenly developed his instincts for acquiring wealth, he will never be successful unless an element of thrift is woven into all his activities.

The so-called plunger — the meteoric financier — may at times seem able to defy prudent practices and the principles of thrift. However, such success is seldom permanent. Wealth gained by a sort of ledge-dam rather than through the working out of sound business practices nearly always proves transitory.

Lack of thrift has caused more financial failures than anything else. How many men there are today who might have become wealthy had they only known how to save money? During the course of their careers they have earned large sums, but these have slipped through their fingers from day to day. They had the natural gift of making money, just as their successful rivals, but they lacked the quality of permanent success — which is thrift.

The majority of men who have built up great fortunes, though they have in many instances risen rapidly, owe their success primarily to thrift. It was this that gave them the start they needed, and it was the development of this characteristic that imparted the combination of courage and cautious judgment without which there can be no substantial success in money matters.

Although the ability to make money is, to a considerable extent, a matter of natural aptitude, the still more important accomplishment of thrift can be acquired by anyone. There is no excuse for not saving money.

Thriflessness is an indication of weakness. It is indeed of char-

acter. Thrift requires steadfastness and the mortifying of the last ounce of moral strength that we possess. But it does not require any special genius or brilliant gift of mind.

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By George McManus

## Two Die When Laundry Caves In at Wichita

[By United Press]

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, Dec. 24. A coroner's inquest was held today into the death of two men killed late yesterday when a pit back of a laundry here caved in. A third man was perhaps fatally injured.

The dead:

Ed Gilliland, 38.  
Thomas Morley, Chicago.  
Physicians today held little hope for recovery of W. P. Bandon, 27, a helper.

The men were lining the pit with brick when the walls collapsed.  
Gilliland and Morley were buried under four feet of earth and brick. Efforts to resuscitate them with pul-

motors were unavailing.

Your friend,  
ROY LEWIS ROLLINS.

### THE MAJOR.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I thought I would drop you a line to tell you what I want. I would like to have a little truck that has rubber wheels and a bumper. A pump Daisy air rifle, also some nuts, candy, and fruit.

Don't forget the other children who have no father and mother

Freezing Weather Again Hits City

Freezing weather struck Mexia Tuesday night and Wednesday morning when the mercury dropped to 27 degrees and remained at this point until after 8 a.m. Wednesday,

according to Miss Josephine New- man, official weather observer.

The coldest point reached during the winter was last Friday night, the second night of the cold spell, when the thermometer of the official observer showed 15 degrees.

The highest point Tuesday was 42 degrees.

Miss Jewell Bryan of Dallas is the holiday visitor of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Webb.

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## THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS

**Around The World  
Around The Clock**

[By United Press]  
FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 21.—C. P. Oliver, 44, proprietor of the Como Hotel here, was found dead in his room last night, a bullet wound through his head. A pistol lay near by.

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus and the holiday season unofficially took charge of the capitol today. Many of the offices were depleted by departure of holiday vacationists.

Pay warrants were distributed at the close of business yesterday.

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—W. A. Keeling, retiring attorney General of Texas, will open a private law office here when he leaves office Jan. 1. He will have no partner, he said today.

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Ivan Ponto-neff, Russian grappler, won over Ernest Glover, Dallas light heavyweight, on technical default here last night. Glover was injured and unable to finish the match.

DALLAS.—Y. M. A. H. beat the Texas Longhorns 18 to 14, here last night.

KANSAS CITY.—With four and a half inches of snow already on the ground and a forecast of more, Kansas City was assured of a white Christmas today.

The temperature here was five degrees above zero at six o'clock this morning and was rising slowly during the forenoon. Train and wire service had not been materially affected by the storm.

USTIN.—No additional charters authorizing state guaranty banks to change from the guaranty plan to that of bond banks will be issued by the present state banking board, it was indicated here today.

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—No decision was announced by the Senate committee investigating the charges of fraud in the election of Mayfield on continuing the hearings. F. W. Zumbrun, chief Mayfield counsel, asked the committee to postpone a decision until he could file an answer to the brief submitted by Luther Nickels counsel for Pddy.

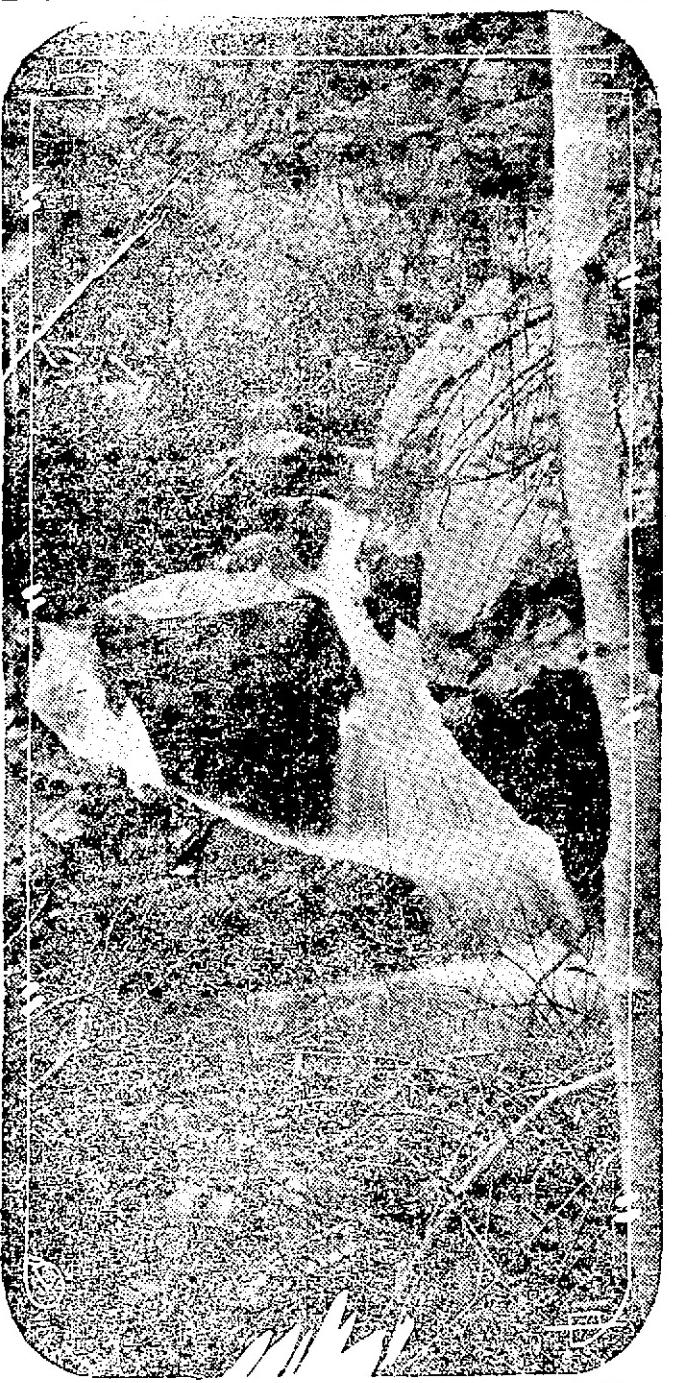
MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—A young Parisian woman, an artist, recently sculpted a likeness of Trotsky, drawing the model from her imagination. A photograph of the work of art, transmitted to Moscow through the artist's communist friends, failed to reach the Soviet Commissar for War. It has been disclosed that the reason for intercepting it was that the photography was addressed to "His Excellency, Mr. Trotsky."

## FOOTBALL

Completion of the holiday schedule for the University of Texas basketball team to train in Dallas from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, was effected Wednesday when a game was arranged for the Longhorns with an



WHEN THE Anaconda mine at Butte, Mont., caught fire these men rushed into the flames and carried out boxes of powder. Their manager gave each \$250. Top to bottom: Dan Crowley, Edward Farren, Joe Sullivan and John C. Downey.



GIVING YOU A PEEP at one of the many beautiful waterfalls in the American Legion's national playground near Westcliffe, Colo. The spot is in the San Isabel National Forest. This territory is considered the highest, most precipitous and most ruggedly magnificent range of mountains in the country.

wart brings to Dallas the making of a star club. From last year's five, there are Captain Settegast, Foster, Esquivel and Nation and Schubardt is a veteran star back after a year's absence. Stewart, Wright, Stalter and Eason are new additions to the team.

The Longhorn coach expects to have eleven or twelve men in his squad this year.

COLD WAVE PREVENTS  
WELLS COMING IN

Strube and Strube are expected to

bring in another gusher in the Wortham field within the next few hours. Several other wells are also now drilling in. Not a great many completions are now expected this week on account of the freeze up of today.



In wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year may we express the hope that we will continue to merit your confidence and good will.

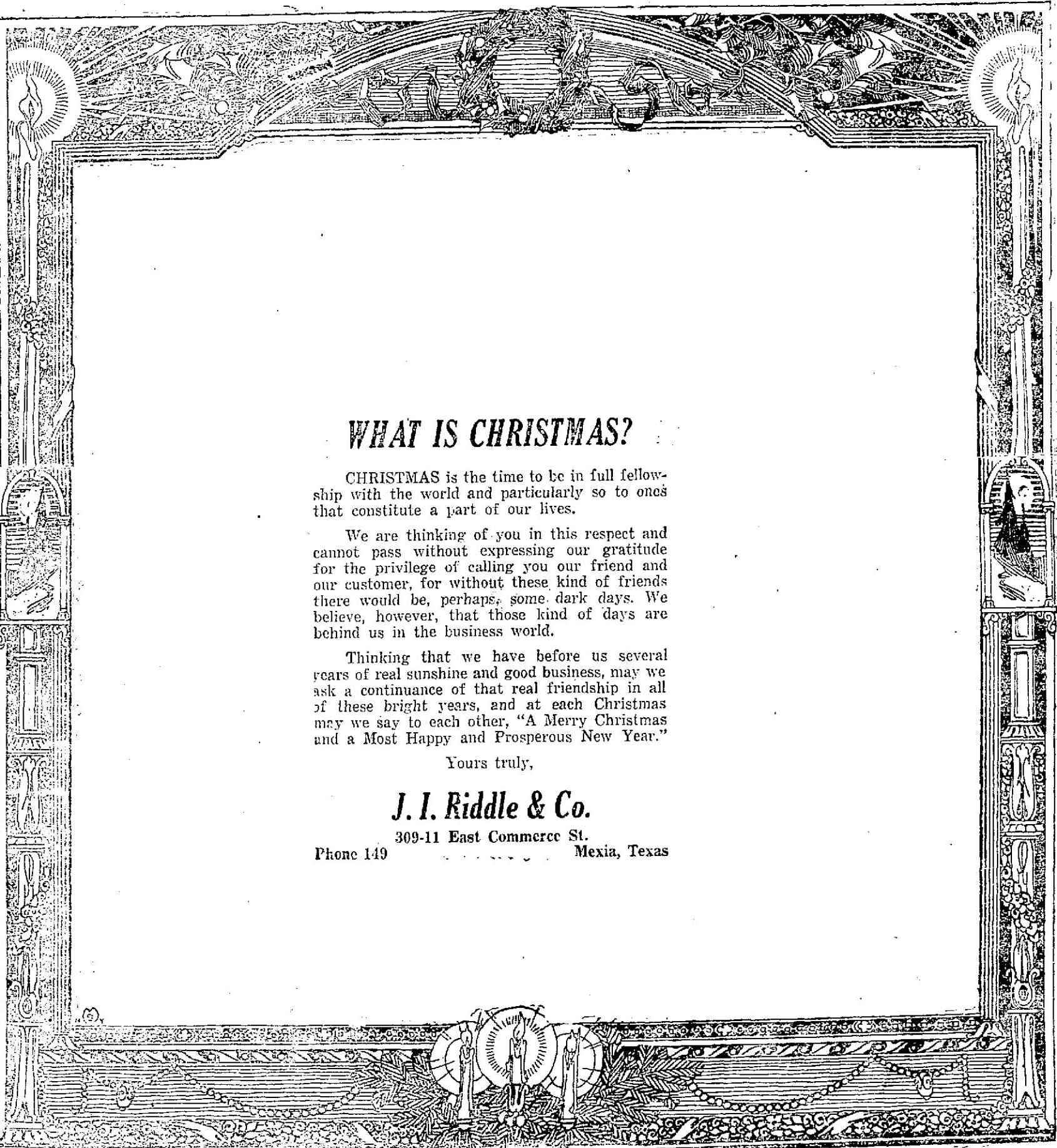
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all-star team in Fort Worth on the night of Dec. 26.  
Here is the complete North Texas card of the Orange five, which arrives in Dallas on the morning of Dec. 23 to remain at Dallas University throughout the stay: Dec. 23, Y. M. H. A. at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 24, Boethians at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 25, Boethians at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 26, All Stars at Fort Worth; Dec. 27, Stickle at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 29, Stickle at Live Stock Arena, Dec. 30, Y. M. H. A. at Live Stock Arena; Dec. 31, Stickle at Live Stock Arena; Jan. 1, Texas All Stars at Live Stock Arena.

The game in Fort Worth will be handled by Bob Stow, recreational director for the city, and George Hill, manager of the University Club, former Longhorn star. Hill will probably play with the All Stars, who meet Texas here New Year's night also, other opponents of the Orange quint being in a probability Joe Ward, Bobby Robertson, Abe Curtis and Adolphine Ragland of the 1924 conference champions, and Joe King, Ox Higgins and John Estes of this year Texas freshmen. In spite of the fact that the Longhorns lost Robertson, Ponsford Curtis, Ward and Ragland from the undefeated team of last season, Ste-

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CHRISTMAS is the time to be in full fellowship with the world and particularly so to ones that constitute a part of our lives.

We are thinking of you in this respect and cannot pass without expressing our gratitude for the privilege of calling you our friend and our customer, for without these kind of friends there would be, perhaps, some dark days. We believe, however, that those kind of days are behind us in the business world.

Thinking that we have before us several years of real sunshine and good business, may we ask a continuance of that real friendship in all of these bright years, and at each Christmas may we say to each other, "A Merry Christmas and a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Yours truly,

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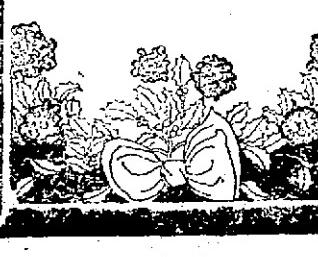


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## REMEMBER THE BRUTE CREATION.

On the first night of Christ's life, God honored the brute creation. You cannot get into the Bethlehem barn without going past the camels, the mules, the dogs, the oxen. The brutes of that stable heard the first cry of the infant Lord. Some of the old painters represent the oxen and camels kneeling that night before the new-born Babe. And well might they kneel. Have you ever thought that Christ came, among other things, to alleviate the sufferings of the brute creation? Was it not appropriate that He should, during the first few days and nights of His life on earth, be surrounded by the dumb beasts, whose moan and plaint and bellowing have for ages been a prayer to God for the arresting of their tortures and the righting of their wrongs? It did not merely "happen so" that the unintelligent creatures of God should have been that night in close neighborhood. Not a kennel in all the centuries, not a bird's nest, not a worn-out horse on towpath not a herd freezing in the poorly-built cow-pen, not a freight car in summer time bringing the leaves to market without water through a thousand miles of agony, not a surgeon's room witnessing the struggles of fox, or rabbit, or pigeon, or dog in the horrors of vivisection, but has an interest in the fact that Christ was born in a stable surrounded by brutes. He remembers that night, and the prayer he heard in their pitiful moan. He will answer in the punishment of those who maltreat the dumb brutes.—Talmadge.

## TOLSTOY'S MESSAGE TO FELLOW MASON

Count Leo Tolstoy was an ardent Freemason, and, as is well known, an ardent lover of freedom in the widest sense of the term, said Dudley Wright in the Christian Science Monitor. At the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire, England, Companion Haley quoted the following message which Tolstoy once sent to the Craft:

"In our temples we recognize no other degrees than those which separate virtue from wrong-doing. Take care not to make distinction that may tend to destroy equality. Fly to the aid of a brother, no matter who he may be; reclaim the wandering; raise the fallen; and never cherish anger or enmity against a brother. Kindle in all hearts the fire of virtue. Do acts of kindness to thy neighbor, and never allow thyself to envy the happiness of another. Forgive thine enemy, and avenge not thyself upon him except by doing good. Having thus fulfilled the highest law, thou wilt discover traces of thy primal and lost greatness."

**THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY**

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## A JOYOUS YULETIDE

By JAMES BLAIR HARRIS.  
With each recurring Holiday season comes anew the realization of the splendid significance of that event nearly a score of centuries ago, enacted in Bethlehem's lowly manger, in which our Blessed Lord was born—God's glorious son incarnated in the flesh!

On His toilsome journey from this selfsame manger to the sacrificial Cross, this Babe of Bethlehem blossomed into the matchless man of sorrows, learned humanity's woes and became acquainted with our inevitable griefs.

Whether in the primeval wilderness with its seductive temptations, teaching along the shores of Lake Galilee or cleansing the Temple of H. Father from the presence of its desecrators, Jesus was our example of unblemished life, moral rectitude and age-surpassing sacrifice.

So in the midst of our joyous Yuletide—while giving gifts to those we love—let us prayerfully pause to pay merited tribute to our Blessed Savior, the Author of our Christian civilization, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, and Giver of every good and perfect gift.

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Merry  
Christmas

## STYLE SHOP

yours, and may the glad occasion make vibrant in the hearts of us all that crowning theme of all the ages, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

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# S. A. Christmas Tree Will Be Given Thursday Night

## UNKNOWN FRIEND DROPS \$100.00 IN CHRISTMAS KETTLE

Some generous hearted, unknown, unnamed but not unsung good Samaritan passing by the Salvation Army pots late Tuesday was reminded that this is a season of "Peace On Earth Good Will to All Men" and he determined to help scatter the spirit of joy in child life in this community. He or she, whoever it was, dropped a \$100 bill in the pot and quietly went on about the work of the day.

This greatly augmented the Christmas fund, Envoy Hamilton stated this afternoon and he expressed on behalf of the corps here the deep appreciation of the gift as well as to those who are contributing to the fund. The kettles will remain out all day Christmas and will be open to anyone wanting a part in spreading Christmas cheer.

It is the hope of the Salvation Army corps, said President Jesse McLendon today, that there will not be a home in this community that will not feel the warmth and the presence of Santa Claus. Everything is being done to see that there is not a cheerless home, not a forgotten boy or girl, as Santa passes this way. It is a cause that finds a response in many a heart and the pennies, dimes, dollars, bills and checks left in the pot will be used to spread joy among the children of men.

Through the arrangement made by J. K. Hughes, homes needing coal may secure enough to tide them through this cold spell by calling at the coal yard. His generous deed is meeting with commendation and praise, by every citizen. He has done much to alleviate suffering.

The Christmas tree will be given at the Central Presbyterian church Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock. The Salvation Army is hopeful of making it the brightest single event in the lives of the children who might otherwise be forgotten. They are cordially invited to be present. A gift will be there for them. The boy or girl especially whom Santa has not visited earlier in the day should by all means be there, as there will be a gift for them on the tree.

Families desiring the Christmas dinner baskets to be distributed by the Salvation Army are urged to see Envoy Hamilton at headquarters at the Northeast corner of Canton and Hopkins street, phone someone there or see someone at the service on the street at night or at the pots.

## TWO TEXAS BOYS WIN HIGH HONORS

(Nashville Tennessean)

All-Southern Scholastic Elevens (No distinction between 2 squads). Day—End; Roanoke, Hi, Roanoke, Va.

Sanford—End; Phillips Hi, Birmingham, Ala.

Schwartz (Capt)—Center; Charlotte Hi, Charlotte, N. C.

Tassopoulos—Tackle; Savannah Hi, Savannah, Ga.

Graham—Tackle; Meridian Hi, Meridian, Miss.

Anderson—Guard; Maury Hi, Norfolk, Va.

Stone—Guard; DuPont Manual, Louisville, Ky.

Hardin—Quarter; Montgomery, Bell, Nashville, Tenn.

Reall—Halfback; Columbia Hi, Columbia, S. C.

Brown—Halfback; Cisco Hi, Cisco, Texas.

Lowry—Fullback; Ensley Hi, Birmingham, Ala.

Team No. 2

Dubose—End; Lanier Hi, Macon, Ga.

Moore—End; Laurel Hi, Laurel, Miss.

Houser—Center; Duval Hi, Jacksonville, Fla.

Badger—Tackle; Gaffney Hi, Gaffney, S. C.

Galle—Tackle; Warren Stone, New Orleans, La.

McArthur—Guard; Beaumont Hi, Beaumont, Texas.

Bristow—Guard; Castle Heights, Lebanon, Tenn.

Ewyer—Quarter; Rockingham Hi, Rockingham, N. C.

Norman—Halfback; Male Hi, Louisville, Ky.

Opry—Halfback; Warren Easton, New Orleans, La.

Bengle (Capt)—Fullback; Summerlin Insti., Bartow, Fla.

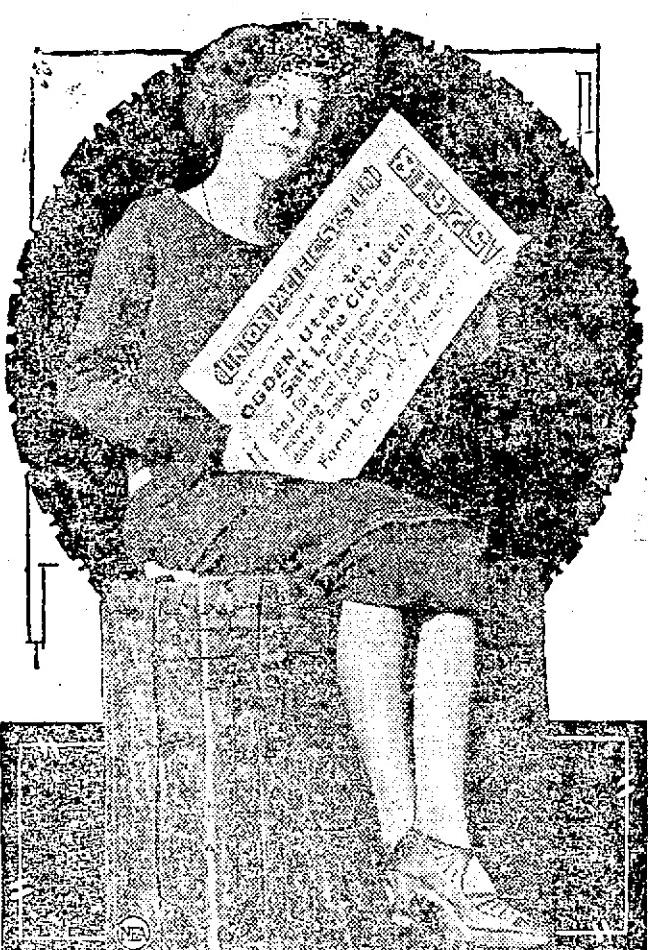
Honorable Mention

Harley, guard, Columbia, S. C.; Van Sickle, end, Gainesville, Fla. Hi; Capps, halfback, Florence, S. C., Hi; Hughes, end, Summerlin Institute, Bartow, Fla.

By John "Red" Davis

(Sports Editor, The News)

DELAND, Fla., Dec. 23.—The 3rd annual All-Southern scholastic selects, as compiled by the Sports Editor of The NeLand, Fla., News,



## Don't Forget Mother

**Don't forget mother!**  
This injunction goes to every man in the city, community and field. Hundreds of young men; scores of youths in their teens and many a young woman are here who have not written to the old folks back home to let them know where and how they are.

Christmas will be as cheerless as a night of death for them unless they hear from their child, whether he is a man or woman of the world or a little urchin braving the storms and tempests of life in an endeavor to get a start in the world. ....

This is borne out by every incoming mail.

Letters are received constantly by the News and by the Postmaster as well as by others here, asking for any information available as to wandering children and kinsmen.

**Write the folks today.**  
...It may be that your mother is gone and your father is bowed with grief or wondering where you are. no better Christmas gift could a mother or father receive than the season's greetings from those who bear their names and who are of their own flesh and blood.

**Send a message to Mother.**

**FOR SALE**—1924 Buick roadster, bargain for cash sale, or might accept Ford car, see Ellis Hargrove, Mexia Tire & Battery Station No. 3.

**FOR RENT**—Bed room suitably for three men, 233 E. Tyler St., corner S. McKinney.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House Immigration Committee has approved a project for summoning a conference of all countries in the Western Hemisphere to meet in the United States and bring about a uniform immigration policy. President Coolidge may be asked to summon the conference shortly. The projected conference, discussed in secrecy for three months, would band the new countries into a sort of Monroe doctrine on immigration, standardize admission requirements, and administrative details of handling and locating immigrants.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19.—Two men and two women were pinned under an automobile more than an hour before they were rescued early this morning. The car skidded on dangerous Nine-Mile hill on the Fredericksburg road and plunged into a ditch. The two women suffered broken bones, cuts and internal injuries. One of the men was injured internally.

The hill was covered with a thin glaze of sleet, which caused the accident.

## LOST

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**Hearty Greetings for Christmas and Very Best Wishes for the New Year.**  
**THE CHOCOLATE SHOPPE**

## Greetings

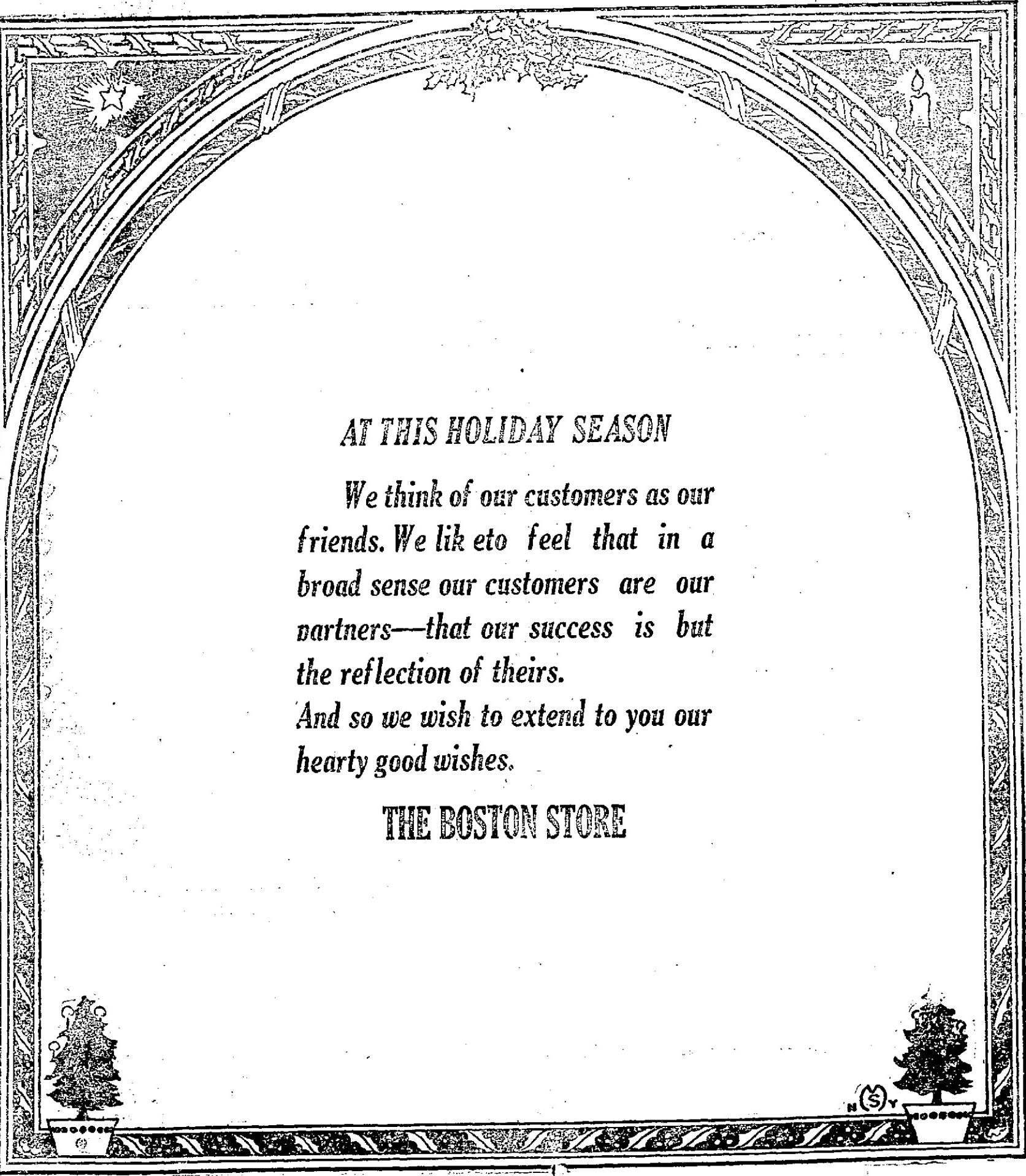
With every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

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## AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

We think of our customers as our friends. We like to feel that in a broad sense our customers are our partners—that our success is but the reflection of theirs.  
And so we wish to extend to you our hearty good wishes.

**THE BOSTON STORE**



## Postal Inspector Spends Day In City Looking Over P.O.

H. M. Hageney, postal inspector, was in Mexia the early part of the week, looking over the postoffice conditions here. He urged that the rural mail carriers annex be rebuilt as rapidly as possible, which is understood to be all that he could do. However, it is certain that he was impressed greatly with Mexia's need for a new Federal Building to take care of the constantly growing needs of this community.

### NAPOLEON'S BIRTHPLACE PRESENTED TO FRANCE

[International News Service] PARIS, Dec. 24.—Prince Victor head of the House of Bonaparte who inherited the estate of Napoleon III, on the death of Empress Eugenie, has given to the French state the house at Ajaccio in which Napoleon I was born.

This is the result of negotiations concerning the long-continued feud about certain property which the late Empress had claimed as having belonged to Napoleon III.

Judgements delivered in 1922 and 1920 favored the Empress' claim in respect to a number of articles. Only two of these, which were in the Louvre, are now claimed by Prince Victor, and they are to be handed over to him. These are the sword of honor of Napoleon, as First Consul, and a musical clock, which bears as a decoration the "Nymphe Coueuse" of Clodion.

CURE-ALL MAKES HIM RICH; FIND IT'S ONLY POP

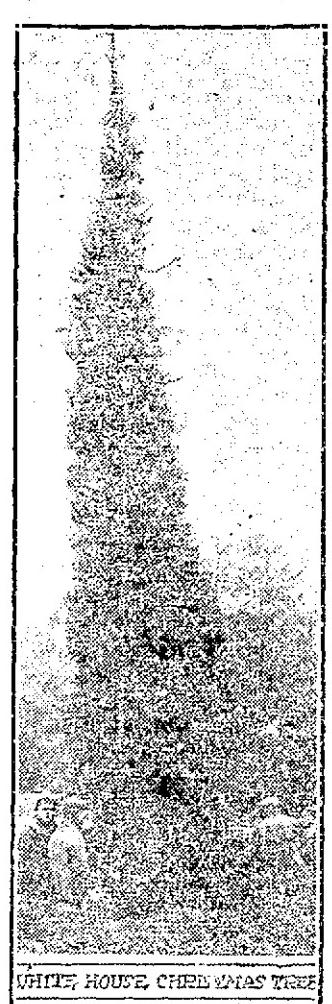
[International News Service] ROME, Dec. 24.—In a dark red liquid sold in tiny bottles, Frank Marby, an English peddler, declared he had a cure for all diseases. He attracted large crowds to his street lectures and gave moderately wealthy on the sides of his medicine.

Police arrested him when they found the bottles to contain merely a popular soft drink, with a dash of pop.

Mexia has ten rural carriers with their desks in the lobby of the Postoffice. With them there, the parcels post desk and long lines of men and women after their mail, the building is crowded all day long. The country may need battleships but Mexia certainly and without doubt needs a Post Office building.

All kinds of Wall Paper, priced from 10c a roll up. John R. Corley Company, 207 E. Commerce Street.

### Huge Christmas Tree for White House

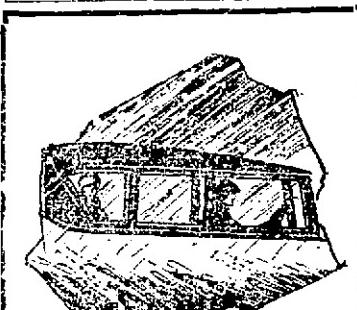


### DOCTORS AWARDED \$1,800 FOR \$100,000 OPERATION

[International News Service] CHICKASAW, Okla., Dec. 24.—One hundred thousand dollars is too much for a physician to charge a patient for a major operation, a jury in Federal Court decided. However, they returned a verdict for \$1,800 in favor of Dr. W. H. Livermore and Dr. D. S. Downey.

George Perkins states that messages from his mother in New Mexico bring the news of extremely cold weather in that section.

News Classified Ads get results.



### WINTER TOPS

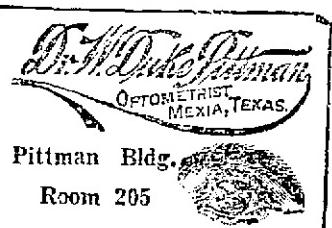
Get a Winter Top and those cold blasts will have no effect on you. You can drive in comfort in any kind of weather.

Have us make a Winter Top for your car to your specifications. We guarantee our work and offer it at moderate prices.

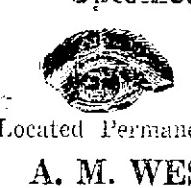
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## Many New Homes And Buildings To Go Up In The City

Local contractors and lumber dealers assert that many new buildings will be built in Mexia immediately following the new year. Quite a number of residences are also under contract to start immediately after Christmas. The cold weather has put a stop to much outside work temporarily. The work of making Mexia a bigger and better place still goes on.

Claud Nussbaum who has recently returned from Portland, Oregon, is to enter the farm loan business. He has been away several months in the far Northwest. He states that Oregon is a great state and Portland a rapidly growing city. The great timber regions of that state form the chief industry, however, during the past year there has been a building slump in the United States and business has not been so good.

Mexia's city jail will be emptied of its city prisoners late Wednesday, a Christmas present from Chief of Police A. R. Mace, the police chief announced.

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WALTER HARPER, KOSSE.

Walter A. Harper, farmer, whose home was near Kosse, died Tuesday morning in a Waco sanitarium at 4:30.

The body was sent by the Compton Undertaking company to Kosse, where interment will take place. He was well known in his section. Mr. Harper is survived by his wife; four daughters, Mrs. G. B. Chapman, Fort Worth; Mrs. G. C. Rogers, Wellington, Texas; Misses Pearl and Ruth Harper, Kosse; three brothers, S. M., Frank and W. P., Waco; three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Brooks, Kosse; Mrs. W. D. Brooks, Waco; Mrs. J. G. Zachary, Clayton, N. M.

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## J. K. Hughes Gives Quilts For Comfort Of The Shelterless

From 15 to 20 men are nightly availing themselves of the sleeping quarters furnished by the city at the city hall, where quilts supplied by J. K. Hughes, make the place a comfortable place for men who cannot find quarters elsewhere, Chief of Police A. R. Mace, says.

A gas stove is kept burning all night and men who cannot find place

elsewhere are housed. "They are all working men, not floaters," Chief Mace says.

**RAINFALL HERE .14 INCH ON TUESDAY**

According to the local weather station, the rainfall Tuesday was .14 inch. It practically all soaked in the ground, not replenishing surface water supplies.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Members of Coeur de Lion Commandery, Knights Templar, will

please remember the Christmas service at the hall tomorrow morning at 11:00 o'clock. Also the new officers are expected to be present at 10:30 for installation.

Visitors will be welcome to this meeting.

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"THE STORE AHEAD"

## Bains Creek Drills Another Well Near Groesbeck Southw't

The Bains Creek Petroleum Company has started its second well in the Groesbeck territory, southwest of the Mexia field a few miles. This Company several months ago brought in its Rich Kennedy 1 as a 7 million cubic foot gasser which is holding up well and which points not only to a big gas field in that district but also to the probabilities of another Mexia fault oil field. The second test is going down on the J. W. Pate farm.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS

Christmas bells are ringing, I can hear them from afar Telling us the wondrous story That the Shepherds saw a star; Reeling joyfully the tidings That Christ in a manger lay And the Lord of all Creation Was born on Christmas Day.

Christmas bells are ringing, I can hear them from above Chiming clear the old sweet story Of the Babe who brought us love; Pringing to us all the message That we must give love again To fulfill that blessed promise "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

—(Co-operative work 6B and 7B)

WANDERER VISITS BROTHER AFTER 49 YEARS' ABSENCE

METROPOLIS, Ill., Dec. 24.—Theodore Garrett, of Waukegan, who left his home near here in 1875, when sixteen years old, and never

Japanese Princess Will Renounce Royalty.



PRINCESS NOBUKO KUNI

Princess Nobuko Kuni, sister of the Japanese Crown Princess, will renounce her royal rights to marry Prince Sanjo of Kyoto, who, although of noble birth, is not of royal rank. The Princess is considered one of the most beautiful women in Japan, and her marriage will be a brilliant function.

informed his relatives where he had gone, surprised his brother, George, in Massac County recently. He was accompanied by his wife.

Theodore learned from George that their father was killed in a runaway accident years ago.

## CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

Everywhere, everywhere tonight! Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine, Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where corn-fields lie sunny and bright, Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay, Christmas where old men are patient and gray, Christmas where peace, like a dove is in its flight, Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight; Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.

For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all, No palace too great and no cottage too small, The angels who welcome Him sing from the height: "In the city of David, a King in his might!" Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within, Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred of sin, Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right, Christ's dread of the darkness, love of the light, Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

So the stars of the midnight which compass us round Shall see a strange glory, and hear a sweet sound And cry, "Look! the earth is afame delight, Sons of the morning, rejoice at the sight."

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.

—Phillips Brooks.

## POTTSVILLE FLOCK SAY PRAYERS SAVED GIRL

[International News Service] POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Miss Helen Savidge, daughter of the Rev. W. F. Savidge, of this city, has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia by what church members believe to be a direct answer to prayer. Two nurses in attendance state that many patients not as sick as Miss Savidge had died from pneumonia.

For three weeks church members have been praying for Miss Savidge as her life hung in the balance.

Although only twenty, Miss Savidge is an accomplished orator and frequently occupies her father's pulpit.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—When Miss Patricia Fuller, daughter of a baronet, was married she refused to have as bridesmaids any of her old friends who had bobbed their hair.

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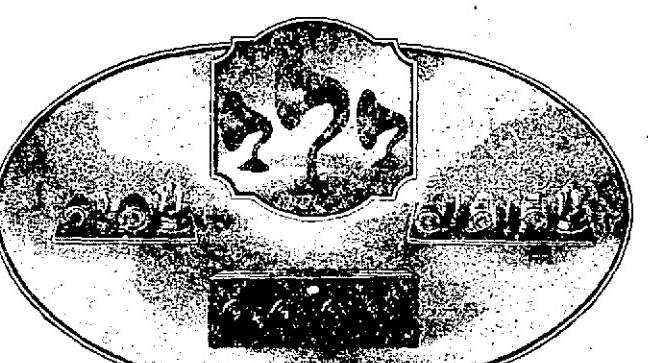
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## Grange and Notre Dame Team Stands Out in Football World

[By United Press]

Two million souls saw the great American game of football played during the season of 1924, the most notable of all the years the game has survived. Some 65,000 of an original turnout of 70,000 sat thru a torrential deluge to the end of the Harvard-Yale battle at New Haven; and the stadiums at Urbana, Ill., and Berkeley, Cal., were burdened to the tremulous capacity for the Illinois-Michigan and the California-Stanford games respectively. These contests, with the Army and Navy game at Baltimore, were merely the big moments of football's epic season.

It was a season made immortal by Harold ("Red") Grange, of Illinois; the University of Notre Dame team and many upsets.

Grange, the greatest individual player of modern football, ran thru the Michigan team for four touchdowns in twelve minutes, a record never before equalled. His runs ranged from ninety-seven yards on the opening kickoff to a mere twenty-five yards for his final tally of the first period. Against Chicago, he tied the score in the last period with two touchdowns, one of them coming after a run of eighty-five

yards. Grange stands alone. So does the Notre Dame football team, which need only defeat or tie Stanford at Pasadena, Cal., to establish itself as the first college team to attain national recognition as champion in the last ten or fifteen years.

Eastern supremacy is divided among Yale, Pennsylvania and Dartmouth. The Middle West recognizes Notre Dame above all else, with Chicago the winner of the Big Ten Conference; Kansas was the winner of the Missouri Valley Conference; Alabama ruled the Southern Conference, with Centre College, a non-conference team, the leading entry from that section; and Stanford finally obtained rating above California on the Coast; although neither was beaten. The Bears, however, played two tie games to Stanford's one.

The latter came with just six minutes to play in Stanford's game with its traditional foe, the Bears leading 20 to 6 at that late moment. But Stanford scored enough points to tie the score before the final whistle, and two spectators dropped dead from heart failure.

News Classified Ads get results.

## Spanish Woman Has Foregone Food, Sleep, Drink Four Years

International News Service  
MADRID, Dec. 23.—The remarkable case of a woman whom doctors declare has neither eaten nor drunk any thing nor had an hour's sleep for four years is exciting considerable interest among medical practitioners here.

She is a married woman, named Amelie Baranda, and lives in the village of Montecilla, Burgos Province.

According to the doctors' statements, she is kept alive solely by injections and the application of leeches.

In a report, which they were asked to submit to the Spanish Academy of Medicine, Doctors Gutierrez and Pinedo state that the patient has been under their care for

four years suffering from acute perigastric trouble. She was unable to keep down either food or drink of any description, and when she was seized with pain from four to six leeches were applied to lessen congestion.

The doctors, in their report, state that this treatment was approved by specialists who were called in for consultation and add that notwithstanding the woman is obviously fatigued, she is unable to sleep, and that they fear to administer sleeping draughts lest the variation of treatment may cause her to collapse. She is able to converse freely after the injections.

Famous Spanish medical scientists are at a loss to explain the

case other than that it must be a miracle.

### WOMAN BUTCHER KNIFE ROEBER GETS 20 YEARS

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 23.—Convict-

ed of a hold-up last July, in which she was alleged to have used a butcher knife as a weapon in the robbery of Walter Wasileski, on the streets here, Miss Effie Jeffries was sentenced by Circuit Judge Fred

W. Brennan to serve from ten to twenty years in the Detroit House of Correction.

Seven dollars was the total sum derived from the robbery.

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**Only Parcel Post  
Delivery In City  
On Christmas Day**

No delivery of mail will be made from the Mexia postoffice Christmas day except parcel post delivery to the residence section of the city, according to Isidore Newman, postmaster, who adds that no deliveries will be made after 11 a. m.

Outgoing first class mail and newsletters will be dispatched as usual, but incoming mail will not be delivered on Christmas day, save the packages. No city or rural delivery carriers will be on duty. The postoffice will be closed all day.

The action is taken in accordance with orders from the postmaster general, Mr. Newman points out.

Mexia's postoffice has experienced one of the heaviest Christmas seasons it has known, almost equaling the boom days of 1919, Mr. Newman says. The outgoing mail is especially heavy and stamp sales have exceeded all expectations.

The large number of money orders taken out here by oil field workers show that a large amount of money is being sent to the "home folks" by the workers, the money order business here growing to amounts equaling postoffices of many larger cities.

The post office is congested as a result of the accident which destroyed a wall in the annex, and the need for larger quarters for the mail was never greater, the postmaster says.

**Water Waste From Pipes  
Which Froze Up and Then  
Broke Causes Low Pressure**

Freezing of water pipes causing an unusual waste of water as they thaw out has taxed the capacity of the city's 500 gallon per minute water pump, and increased the need for the 3,000,000 gallon water reservoir, proposed to be purchased with money from bonds, according to R. D. Morgan, superintendent of the water department.

A low pressure of water has resulted from the waste in the bursting of pipes, but with all leaks now shut off, the pump will soon be able to keep up the normal pressure, the city official says.

A new 700 gallon per minute pump has been ordered by the city and will be installed as soon as it arrives, an auxiliary to the present pumping facilities.

The only industry suffering from the low pressure water is the New Way Laundry, which has been handicapped in getting out the heavy

overflow of business due to the increased population of the city. A fire engine was used by the city Tuesday to pump water to the laundry but even that did not give sufficient supply for the demand.

An election has been called for January 27, when the voters of the city will be asked to approve an issue of \$40,000 for the purchase of a reservoir to store up a supply of water sufficient for at least three days.

The city gets its water from springs seven miles away. There is no shortage of water, Mr. Morgan points out, but, he says, the demand for water is more than the pump can handle. No danger from fire need be feared, he says, for the pumps of the fire engines can create their own water pressure sufficient for any emergency.

News Classified Ads get results.

**Many Going Away  
To Spend Short  
Holiday Season**

Hundreds of oil men, operators and field workers, are returning to their homes on every train, many of them to be gone until after the holidays. Their holidays, however, in the main will be cut to the Christmas period and will not include New Years. Due to the great rush and activity and importance of present developments at Wortham, the fraternity will not be able to be away very long. In the meantime thousands will remain in the district, unable to get away at all, due to pressing business and duties here.

To them and to all the citizens of Mexia extend a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Machon Forest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Forest of this city has returned for the holidays from Atlanta where he is attending Georgia Tech.

Jim Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith of this city, returned Monday from Georgia Tech, to which institution he will return after New Years.

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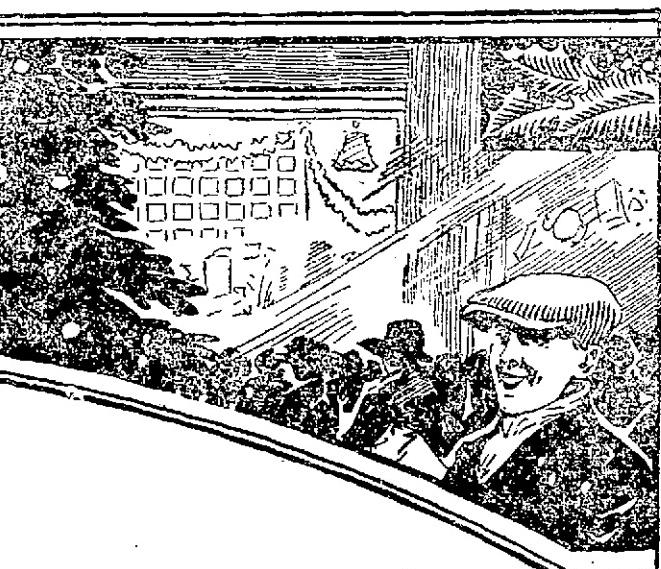
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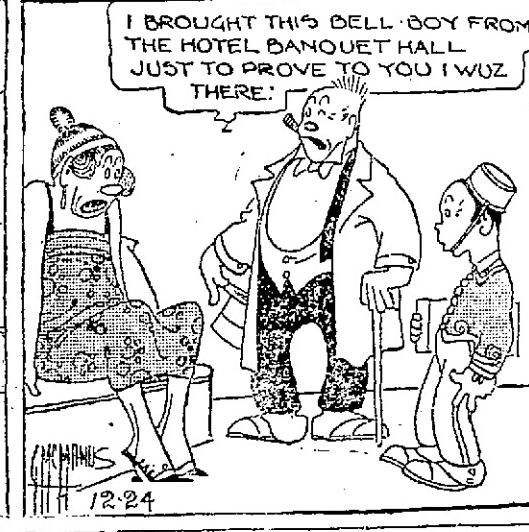
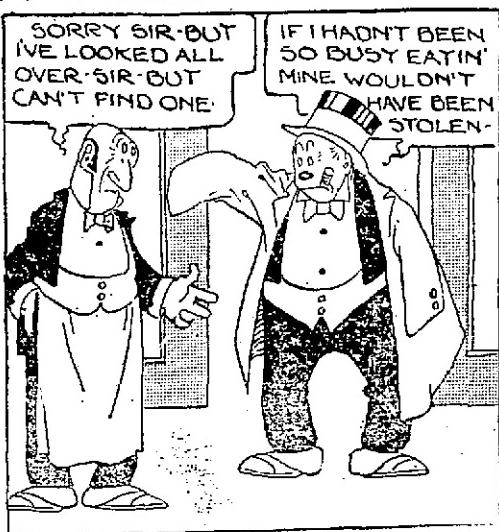
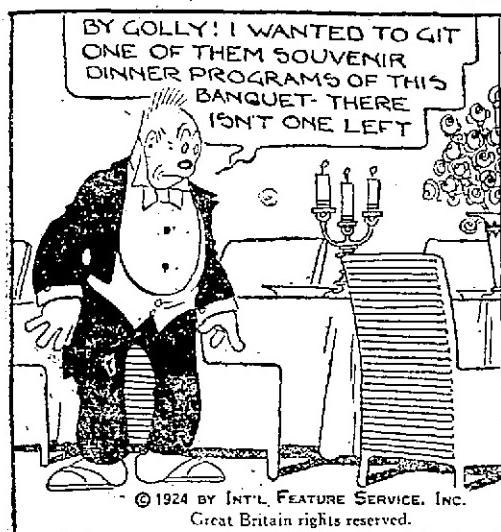
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By George McManus

With the passage of the road bonds for this consolidated road district, it is pointed out that Mexia's trade territory has been fully doubled, which will result in a steady and permanent growth of this city and community.

NAPLES, Dec. 24.—Owing to the bars against immigration raised by the United States, several steamship lines are promoting a movement to Australia.

Just received Saturday night a large shipment of Christmas Goods. See them Monday morning at Anderson & Horn's.

Your dented fenders and auto bodies can be made to look like new at our shop. Pat F. Hopkins Wheel & Body Works. Phone 725. W. Milam Street.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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### Lost and Found

STRAYED—Black and bay horses, about 1300 pounds, notify Black-Sivalls and Bryson, phone 45. 21X3

LOST—Pointer puppy about 5 mos. old. Liver colored ears. One liver spot behind right shoulder. Few white hairs on right ear. Reward. Phone 55 or 360. 22X2

LOST—Big white bull dog with black eyes. Also fox terrier, reward. Mrs. Irwin at W. A. Jacksons. 24X2

FOUND—Fur choker on Commerce street Wednesday morning. Owner can have same by identifying and paying for this sad. 24X2

LOST, Strayed or stolen, 1 sorrel mule with dark mane about 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  or 16 hands high, 1 sorrel mule about 15 hands high, red or roan mane (both horse mules) were necked together when last seen, largest mule has small brand on left jaw. Reward for return of same to F. R. KLOTZ, Mexia, Texas. 17X1

### For Rent Rooms

YOUNG ROOMS—Beds 50¢ in tent house, for respectable men only, clean safe and quiet, electric light and gas, 207 Red River, 5 blocks east of City Hall, Main and Red River, next to corner. 18X7

FOR RENT—3 nice bed rooms for men, in private home, on pavement. 731 S. McKinney, phone 332W. 23X2

FOR RENT—Nice bed room for 4 men, gas, new house, nice conveniences, 812 E. Carthage, 656 J. 23X4

SLEEPING room, modern private home for 2 men. 60 McKinney Ave. 23X3

ROOM and board, two double beds in room, gas heat, next to bath, private entrance, close in, 305 E. Hunt, 3 blocks south city hall, just off McKinney. 24X2

ROOM and board, in private home, 609 S. McKinney. 21X1

FOR RENT—Bed room for two or three men. Gas heat and electric lights. Klotz Hardware Store on Milam, first house East Ross. 22X1

FOR RENT—Nice sleeping rooms, all conveniences. Apply at Mrs. Hinckley's, S. McKinney and Houston. 22X2

### Help Wanted

WANTED—One small second hand cash register; must be priced right. See U. H. Morgan at News office.

Laborers wanted, Atlantic tank farm 3 miles southeast of Wortham, good camp. Kansas City Structural Steel Co. 24X1

WANTED—One first class auto mechanic at Sterling Garage call Mr. Merick, phone 575. 21X2

### For Sale Miscellaneous

TWENTY SHARES (\$200) J. K. Hughes Developing Company for sale. Make me an offer, and if satisfactory the stock is yours. Box 62, care Daily News. 21X4

PERSIAN kittens for sale, one black, Persian neuter to good home, phone 404J, 1105 E. Titus Et. 23X2

FOR SALE grocery store with living rooms, other business reason for selling. See it 516 North Red River St. 18-5

FOR SALE—one roller top desk, cheap for cash. Room 7, Ross and Green Bldg., or Box 543, Mexia, Texas. 22J2

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SCHOLARSHIP in Bryne Commercial College, Dallas, for sale. Can save you some money if you are looking for a first class commercial college. N. P. Houx, at News Office. 19X4

FOR RENT or lease first of January, office space at Wortham, next door to Journal office, now occupied by Chief of Police. See Mrs. Dunn in rear of this building. 23X2

TRADE IN your old Gas Heaters and Gas Cook Stoves for new ones. Langston Furniture, 312 East Commerce St. 30J15

FOR SALE—First class job printing, all kinds of Commercial Printing. No job too big—none too small. Let us figure with you. News Publishing Co. 29J30

FOR SALE—One saddle for cash, also 7 passenger car in good condition, cheap for cash, or will trade on lot. C. J. Sterling, 503 S. Canton. 22X3

GET YOUR BLANKETS, Comforts, and Rugs at Langton's Furniture 312 East Commerce St. 30J15

GOOD AS NEW 15 KVA Generator. Cost \$600, will sell for \$350. Call at News Publishing Co. Phone 146. 30J15

### Wanted

WILL PAY highest price for E. L. Smith Oil Stock. Write or wire C. L. Tatum, Mexia, Texas, P. O. Box 718.

Have house to move short distance, will repair it. Make either three or four rooms, modern, to suit you. Only first class couple. Must neighbor with you. No hold up. 178-J for appointment. 22X3

WANT to rent, two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. No children, box 92 in care News. 24X2

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### Miscellaneous

We collect bad account and judgments. We make hot checks (hotter). See us we will get results. Mexia Detective Bureau, City Hall. 10-T-30

WE TRADE new Furniture and Stoves for old ones. Langston Furniture, 312 Commerce St.

### Automobiles

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**Situations Wanted**

WANTED by young lady, employed, room in private family must be close in, phone 630. 23X2

### For Sale Real Estate

#### Farms for Sale

106 acres at Point Enterprise, fair improvements. Price \$50 per acre. 145 acres, 1½ miles north of Simsboro. Cheap at \$30 per acre.

See F. R. KLOTZ (owner) for terms and condition and full particulars of sale of above land.

### For You

The top o' the morning to you, And the season full of cheer; And maybe a tear to soften The heart for the coming year. The faith and the love of children, And a good friend strong and true, On this Christmas Day in the morning, Is my New Year wish for you!

The top o' living to you, A path on the mountain's height, A pilgrimage in the valley, Dawn and the wings of night; I am wishing all these for you, As the gates of the year unfold, And we catch new dreams and visions,

Over our alloyed gold.

And all that is high and lovely, And all that is brave and true; On this Christmas Day in the morning, Is my New Year wish for you! —Sadie Kirgan.

### DEMONIACS MUST DIE

HANOVER, Germany, Dec. 19.—Fritz Haarmann, the demonical who murdered twenty-four youths, and Hanz Granz, his accomplice, were sentenced to death by beheading today. The sentence will be carried out immediately.

The jury found Haarmann guilty in twenty-four cases. The verdict was a foregone conclusion.

Haarmann confessed and implicated Granz.

The murderer killed the boys in a hotel by the river Elbe by tearing open their throats with fang-like teeth.

Granz sold the victims' clothing.

#### NOTICE

The annual stockholders meeting of the City National Bank of Mexia will be held at its banking house in the city of Mexia on Tuesday, January 13th, 1925 between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for

the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

DAVID MURPHY,  
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## BRITISH JUDGE WOULD NOT SIT UNTIL FURNISHED PROPER CHAIR

International News Service  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Judge Crawford, a tall and heavy man, has refused to sit in the Edmonton County Court because of the miserable wooden chair provided for him by the Government.

His old chair broke down from age. In its place the Government department known as the "Office of Works" sent down a small chair that the judge declared was fit only for an office boy. The judge refused

ed to occupy this and said that the office of works must supply one that would uphold the dignity of one of His Majesty's judges, or he would complain to the Lord Chancellor.

Another chair was sent, but this also proved too insignificant. An official of the Office of Works has now been looking over the situation, and hopes in time to supply a chair that will meet both the dignity and the physical requirements of the judge.

Judge DeLeon Harp of San Antonio has been a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hickman. He was Mayor of Mexia during the first oil boom, also Senator from this district and highly beloved locally. Since moving to San Antonio he has become interested in mining in old Mexico. Before leaving he stated that Mrs. Harp's parents, also the parents of Mrs. Rush Hickman, Rev. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Whitewright are in San Antonio for the holidays.

Phone the Salvation Army if you desire to have a part in spreading Christmas cheer in this community. Envoy and Mrs. Hamilton are on the job day and night. Mexia is thankful to these good people who are making such liberal sacrifices for others.

Miss Cora Oliphant is in charge of the Chamber of Commerce offices here during the absence of Secretary Jere Cason. Mr. and Mrs. Cason left the early part of the week for San Antonio where they are spending Christmas with her parents.

B. H. Broiles of Houston, formerly with Houston Daily Newspapers, is now with The Mexia Daily News. Any favors shown him by the public in gathering the daily events of the city will be appreciated by the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Caldwell are now residing in the home on South Ross Avenue formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Forrest. The latter have moved to their home in New Mexico.

Mrs. E. A. Teter was expected to arrive today from Tulsa, where she has been for several weeks. Mrs. Teter has been away for several months and will be welcomed back by her host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gambrell and lovely little daughter, Martha Jane of Tulsa are here for the holidays, which they will spend with Mrs. Gambrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley.

The H. & T. C. railway company is now setting out a Houston sleeper at Mexia, similar to the service offered during the boom period of 1921 and 1922. Many are taking advantage of this service.

Quite a number of local citizens have bought radio sets for their young sons for Christmas, but the chances are that many of the little fellows will be crowded off by their dads.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mitchell and daughters are spending Christmas with relatives and friends in Waxahachie.

Miss Frances Jeanette Beckham of Kilgore is a charming guest in the home of Miss Lucile Lofland of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gambrell of Tulsa are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley.

Miss Estelle Bauder is in Waxahachie spending the Christmas holidays with her mother.

If you have a Christmas visitor, let the News tell about it. Phone 146.

J. Meers of Hubbard City is in the city this week.



### Counting the Cost

of new shoes for the children makes you stagger, does it not? Take our advice and save many dollars—have those well-worn shoes repaired here and add weeks, perhaps months, of wear to them. Good shoe repairing these days is a real economy you should not fail to take advantage of.

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## Erin To Restrict Use of Liquors

International News Service  
DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Drastic restrictions on the consumption of liquor in the Irish Free State are accumulating as the government's Intoxicating Liquor bill progresses through its stages.

Kevin O'Higgins, the Free State Minister of Justice, during the course of debates, foreshadowed a big reduction in the huge number of saloons throughout the country. He told members of the Senate that the general feeling of the country was that 15,000 saloons was a number grossly in excess of reasonable requirements, while members of the licensing trade themselves were of the opinion that the huge number of the saloons produced too keen a struggle for existence.

Among some of the restrictions already adopted is one providing for the closing of all saloons on St. Patrick's Day, so there is a probability that in future the Shamrock will have to be drowned in non-alcoholic beverages.

The Government's chief contention for the adoption of the new bill is that it will do away with a great

deal of the existing poverty among the work classes.

### CHICAGO LEADS NATION IN INFLUENTIAL PREACHERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—New York City leads the nation in the number of influential preachers, according to a vote taken by the Christian Century, a religious magazine, among 25,000 ministers throughout the country.

A list of 25 preachers receiving the largest vote showed New York had seven, Chicago five, Detroit two and the others distributed throughout the country, not more than one to any city.

George W. Truett, Dallas, Texas, was listed in the twenty five.

### CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends in Mexia, and especially the Masons, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for kindnesses and sympathy shown us in our hour of sorrow on the occasion of the death of dear father.

May the heavenly Father shed His blessings on you as you have comforted us.

MRS. LOUIS SCHLOSBERG.  
MRS. G. WOLFE.  
MRS. THOS. I. GRACE.  
MRS. J. LAWRENCE.  
HERBERT GREEN.

### TREACLE ON TRACKS DELAYS 25 TRAINS AND 4,000 RIDERS

International News Service  
DURBAN, South Africa, Dec. 24. Treacle delayed twenty-five passenger trains carrying more than 4,000 people here recently.

When two goods trains collided less than a quarter of a mile outside Durban main station a long line of freight trucks carrying the tre-

acle was overturned, with the result that the sticky fluid spread over the lines until they were covered, rendering that part of the line impassable.

It took a big gang of men several hours to completely clear the track.

Dan Moody, new Attorney General of Texas, has appointed Wright Morrow, formerly of Hillsboro as First Assistant Attorney General of

Texas. Mr. Morrow is well known by a number of lawyers of Limestone County, especially among the younger members. He was a student in the University from 1911 to 1914, and a graduate of the Law School.

When in Dallas, call at the *New* stands on the corner of Akard and Main and you can secure *The Mexia Daily News*.

# Merry Christmas

# Happy New Year

# Everybody

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DRUGGISTS

Just to wish you and  
yours a Very Merry  
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**Diamond Jewelry  
Company**

It is our pleasure to wish you the season's joys and a new year overflowing with prosperity.

**Buckner & Wright**

## A 10-Year or a 1-Year Car ~The Difference Is a Matter of Lubrication

A prominent automobile manufacturer is author of the statement that "The difference between a 10-year car and a 1-year car is largely a matter of lubrication". The experience of this manufacturer and his success in the field of automobile engineering place him in a position to speak with authority on this subject.

Everyone, within his experience, knows of cars that have been running for years, and even though they are out-of-date as to lines and body design, their quietness of motor operation and the absence of squeaks and rattles show that they have always been well lubricated and well cared for.

On the other hand, you know of hundreds of cars that, even though they have been in service but a few years and have covered comparatively few miles, are afflicted with groans and squeaks; the motor knocks and labors and the gears clash and grind—and they are just about ready for the junk pile. Their owners have never considered lubrication as important.

Folks who really care about the service life of their cars and who wish to get as much out of their investment as possible, are finding that it pays to use nothing but the right grade of Humble Motor Oil in the crank case, and to renew it every 500 miles. It will pay you to always look for the Humble Signs before you buy.

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